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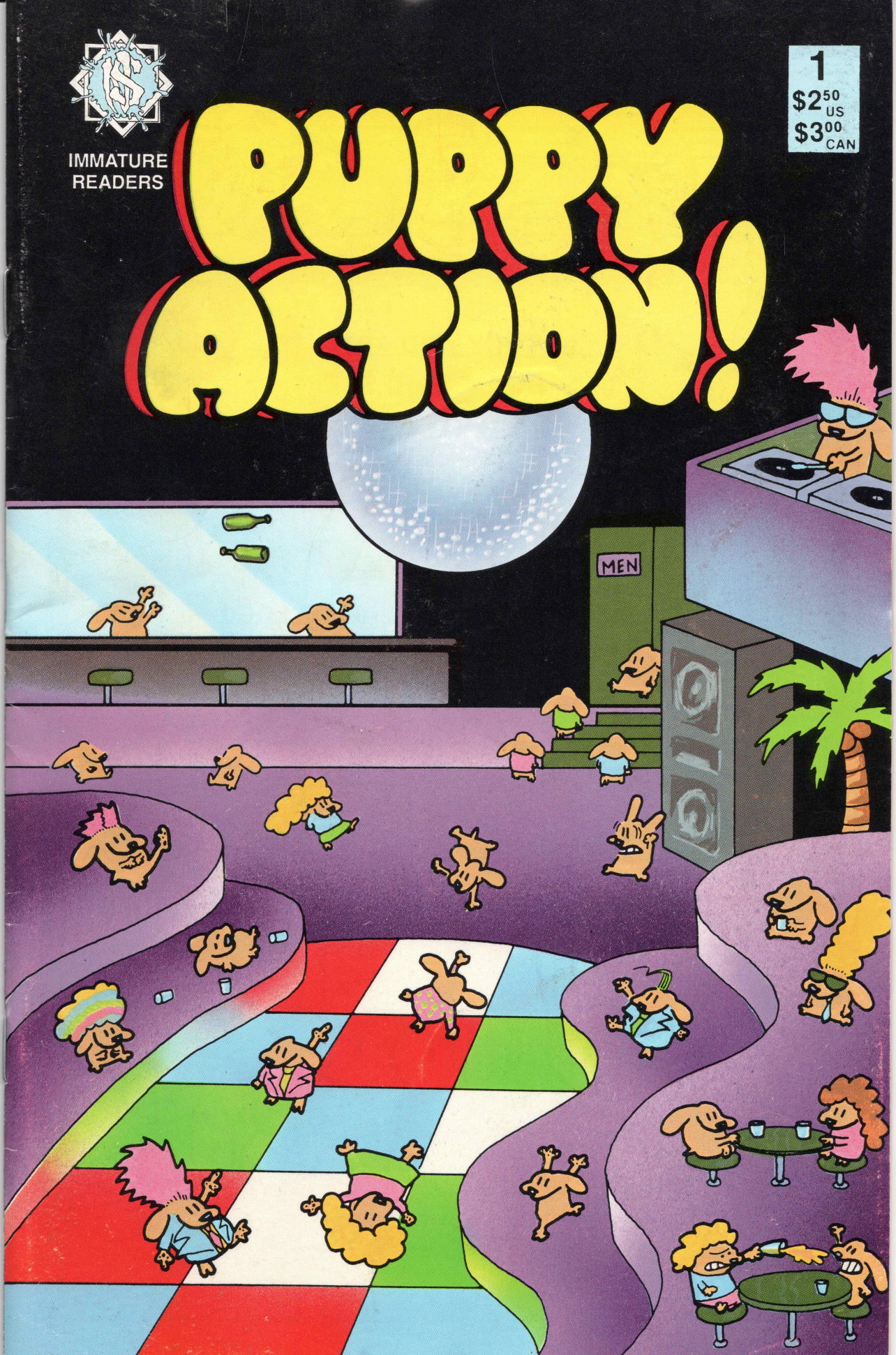

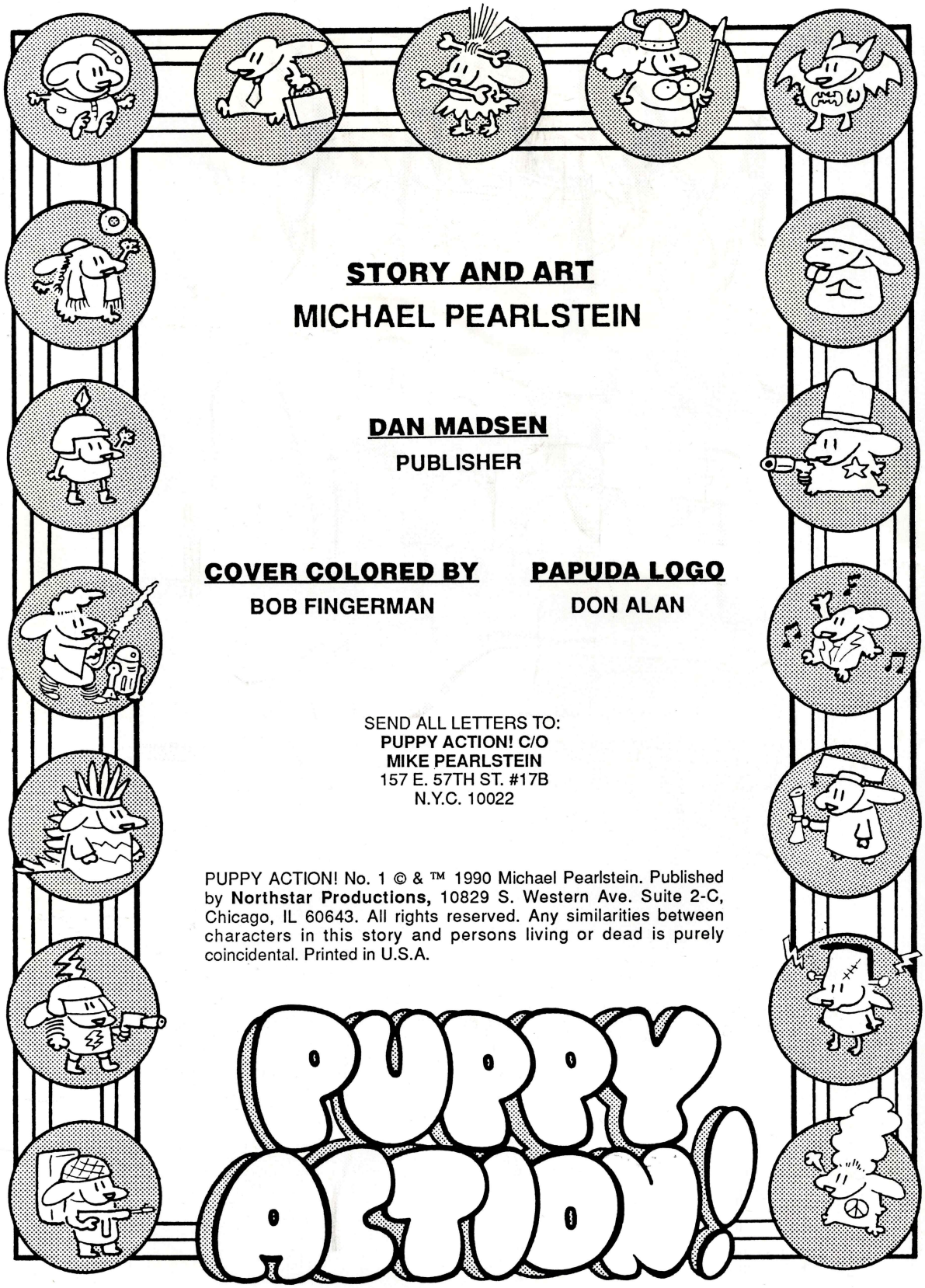

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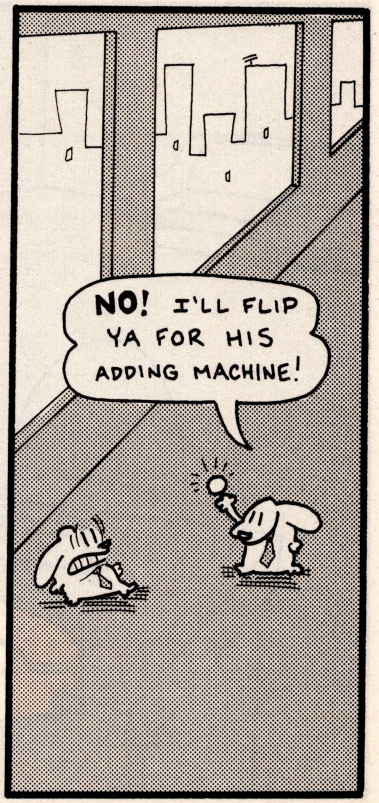
PUPPY ACTION!

EEEEEYAAAA!

OH MY GOD! SMITH JUST JUMPED OUT THE WINDOW!!

GUESS HE JUST COULDN'T CUT THE MUSTARD...
GIBSON! YOU HEARTLESS PIG! IS THAT YOUR GUT REACTION??


NO! I'LL FLIP YA FOR HIS ADDING MACHINE!

CORPORATE CANINES
HOO BABY!! WHAT SHOULD I HAVE FOR LUNCH TODAY? PASTRAMI? THE TURKEY CLUB?
#1 BOSS
EL PRESIDENTE
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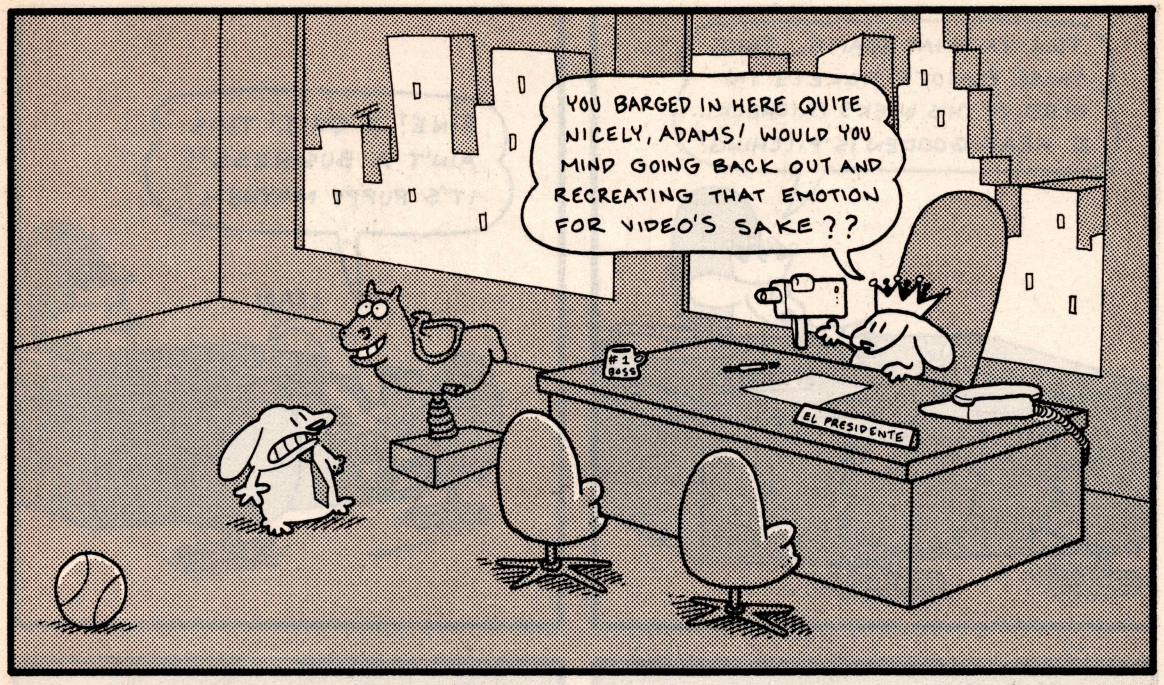
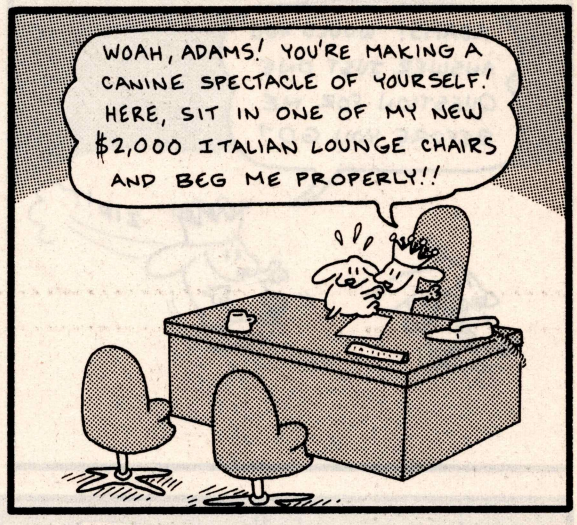
TOK!
YO!

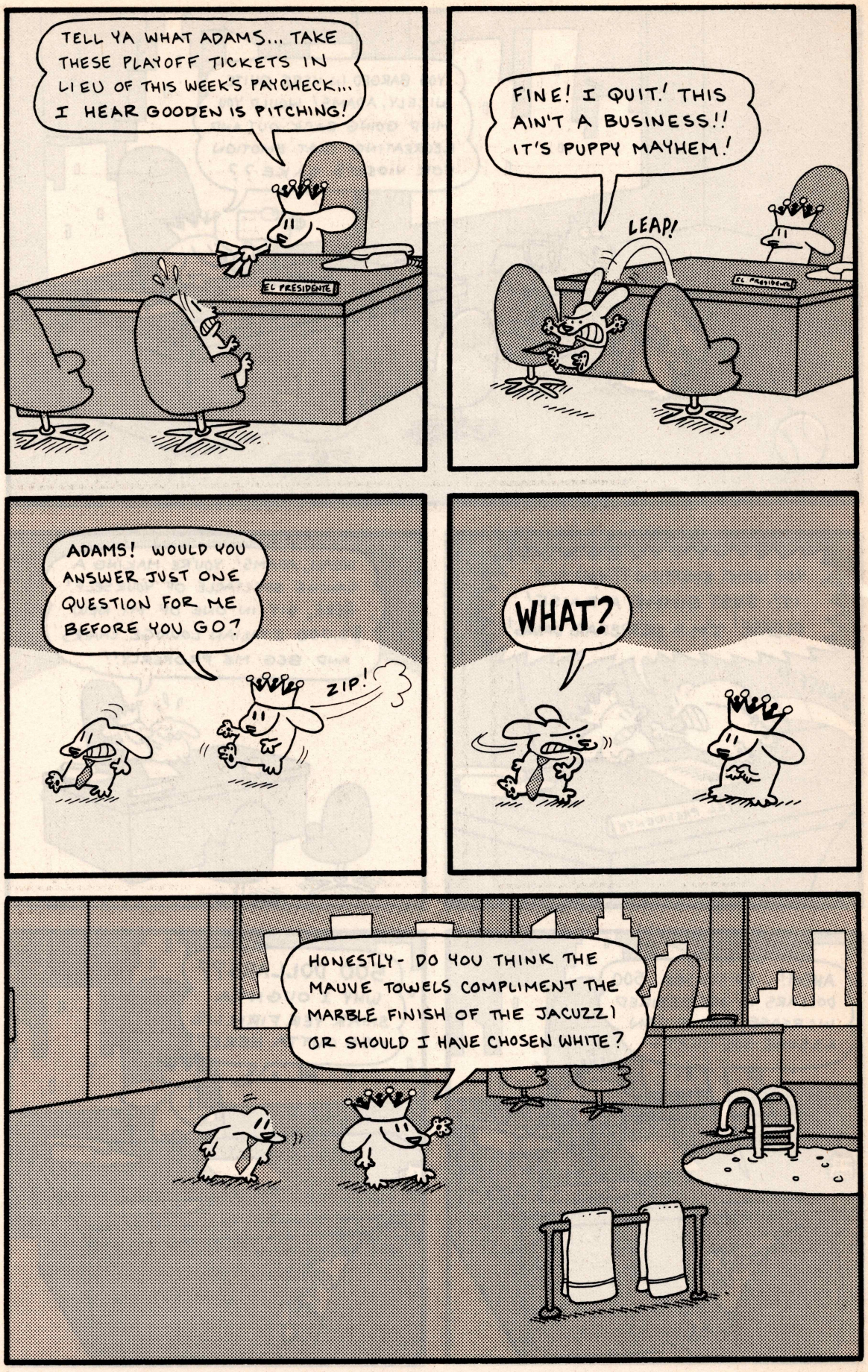

YOU BARGED IN HERE QUITE NICELY, ADAMS! WOULD YOU MIND GOING BACK OUT AND RECREATING THAT EMOTION FOR VIDEO'S SAKE??
#1 BOSS
EL PRESIDENTE

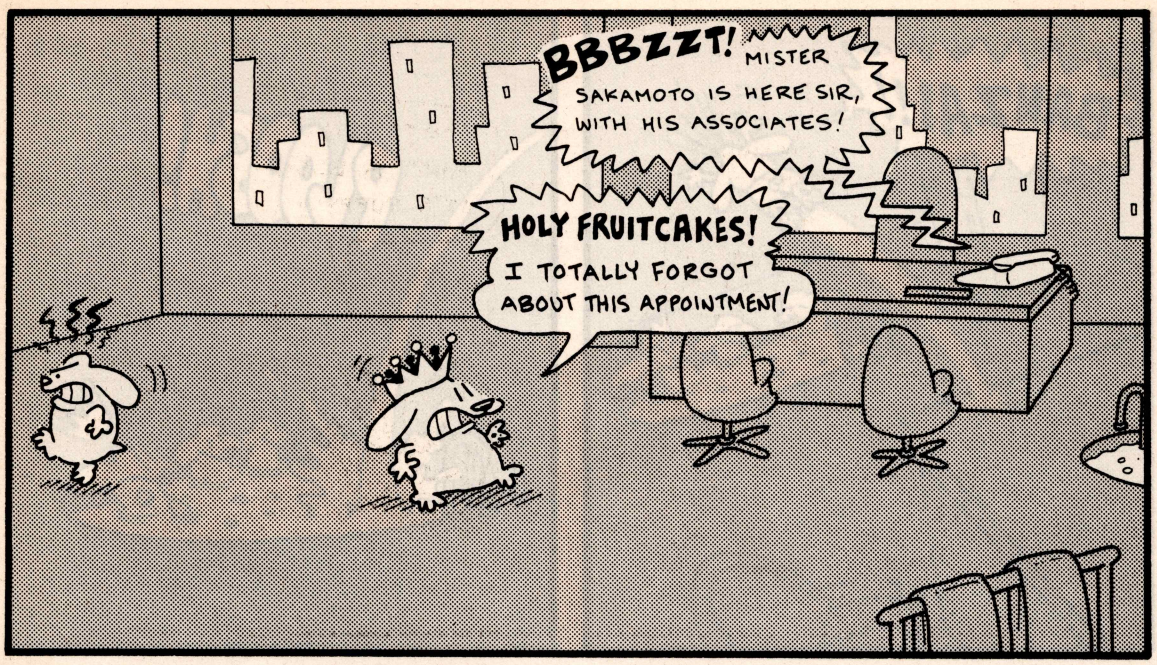
YOU WANT EMOTION?? YOU GOT IT! JUST GIMME A RAISE! PLEASE! I'M A DESPERATE DAWG!
SWUFF!!!
EL PRESIDENTE

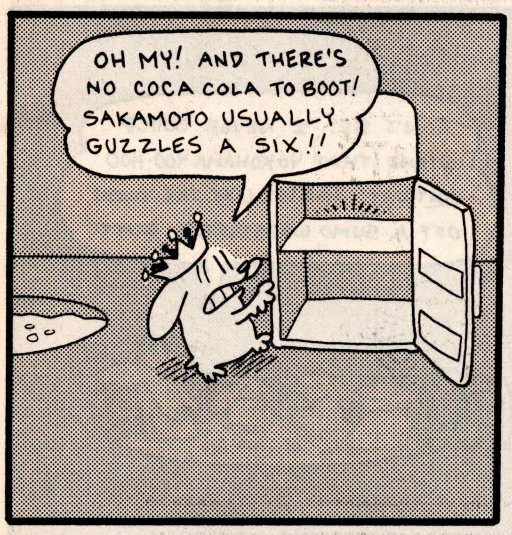

WOAH, ADAMS! YOU'RE MAKING A CANINE SPECTACLE OF YOURSELF! HERE, SIT IN ONE OF MY NEW $2,000 ITALIAN LOUNGE CHAIRS AND BEG ME PROPERLY!!

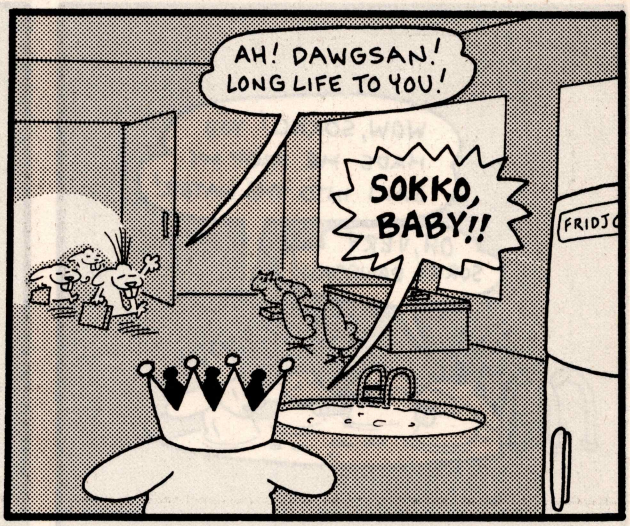
AHEM! ...SO YOU SEE... 500 DOLLARS IS MY DESIRED INCREASE, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT—
#1 BOSS
EL PRESIDENTE

500 DOLLARS?? WHY I OUGHTA SMAK YER FIRM LI'L ASS OUTTA HERE!!
EL PRESIDENTE


TELL YA WHAT ADAMS... TAKE THESE PLAYOFF TICKETS IN LIEU OF THIS WEEK'S PAYCHECK... I HEAR GOODEN IS PITCHING!
EL PRESIDENTE
FINE! I QUIT! THIS AIN'T A BUSINESS!! IT'S PUPPY MAYHEM!
LEAP!
EL PRESIDENTE
ADAMS! WOULD YOU ANSWER JUST ONE QUESTION FOR ME BEFORE YOU GO?
ZIP!
WHAT?
HONESTLY- DO YOU THINK THE MAUVE TOWELS COMPLIMENT THE MARBLE FINISH OF THE JACUZZI OR SHOULD I HAVE CHOSEN WHITE?


BBBZZT! MISTER SAKAMOTO IS HERE SIR, WITH HIS ASSOCIATES!
HOLY FRUITCAKES! I TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT THIS APPOINTMENT!


OH MY! AND THERE'S NO COCA COLA TO BOOT! SAKAMOTO USUALLY GUZZLES A SIX!!

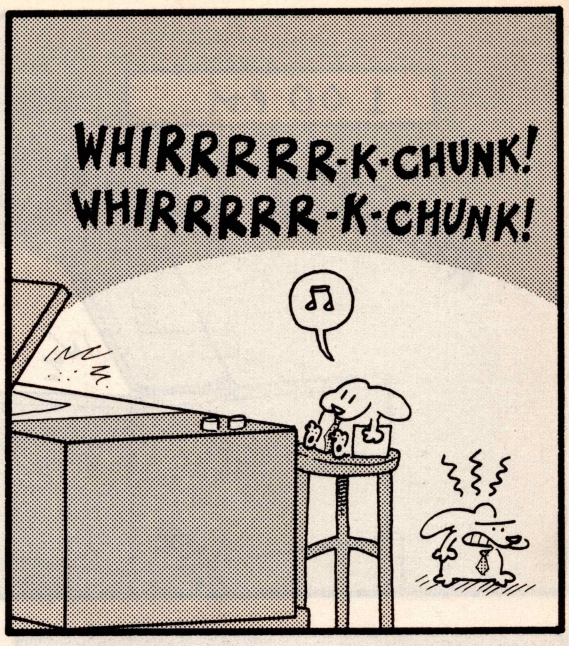

AH! DAWGSAN! LONG LIFE TO YOU!
SOKKO, BABY!!

PLAY FIRST! BUSINESS LATER!
AWESOME! SAKI!! LET'S GET SLOPPY!

BANZAI!!
PLOOSH!
WOW, SOKKO! YOU MADE ME DROP MY SAKI INTO THE WATER!
OH, VERY SORRY DAWGSAN!
DON'T BE! I NEVER COULD STAND THAT YOKOHAMA YOO-HOO ANYWAY! TASTES LIKE THE SWEAT OFF A SUMO WRESTLER'S BUTT!
HAW! HAW! HAW! HAW! HAW! HAW! HAW! HAW! HAW! HAW! HAW! HAW! HAW! HAW!

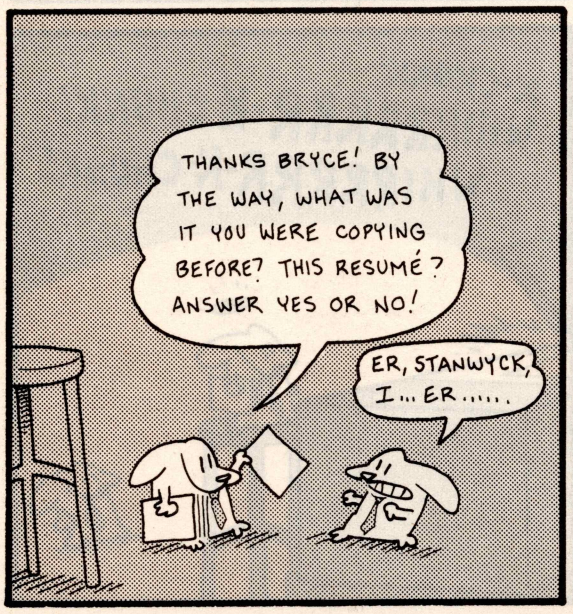
1:00 P.M.
WHIRRRRR-K-CHUNK!
♫ OH DRADLE, OH DRADLE... I MADE YOU OUT OF CLAY...♪
HEY BRYCE! MIND IF I CUT IN FOR A SEC? I JUST HAFTA MAKE A FEW, QUICK COPIES!
ER, I DON'T SEE WHY NOT...
YER A CHUM BRYCE! A REAL BEST BUDDY!!
WHIRRRRRR
A REAL "BEST BUDDY" HUH??
K-CHUNK! WHIRRRRRR-K-CHUNK! WHIRRRRR-K-CHUNK!

WHIRRRRR-K-CHUNK!
WHIRRRRR-K-CHUNK!

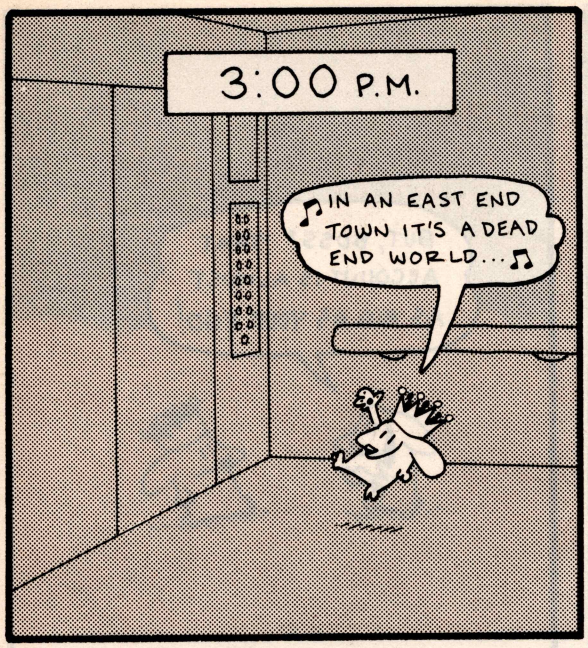

WHIRRRRR-K-CHUNK!
WHIRRRRR-K-CHUNK!

WHIRRRR-K-CHUNK!
WHIRRR-K-CHUNK!

THERE! GUESS I'LL MAKE JUST THAT FEW...

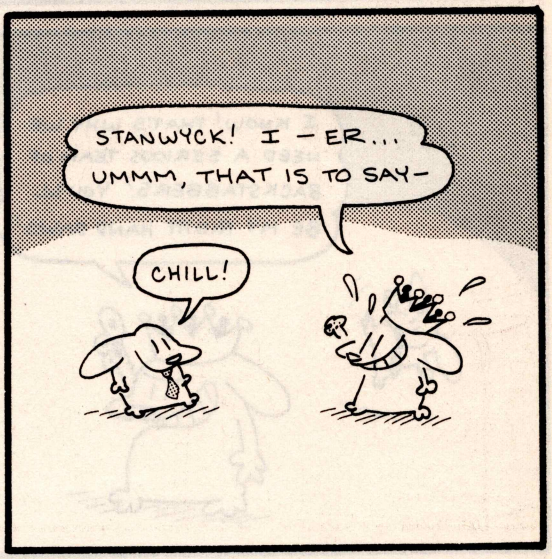

THANKS BRYCE! BY THE WAY, WHAT WAS IT YOU WERE COPYING BEFORE? THIS RESUMÉ? ANSWER YES OR NO!
ER, STANWYCK, I... ER.....

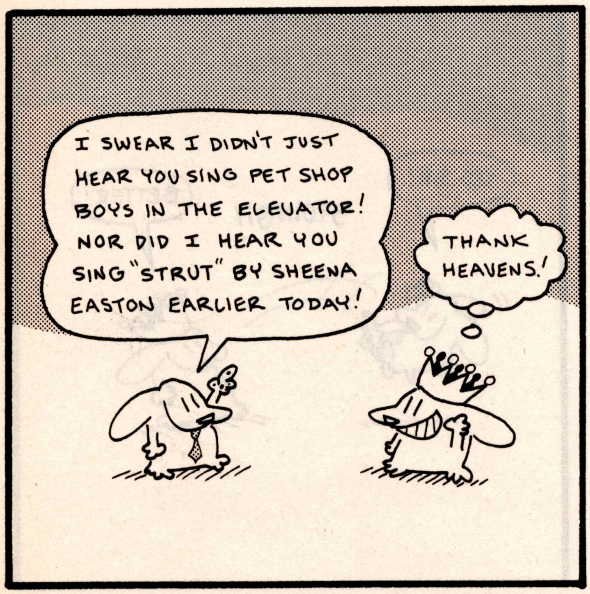
HEE! I'M GONNA TELL!
SPRIT!


3:00 P.M.
♫ IN AN EAST END TOWN IT'S A DEAD END WORLD... ♫

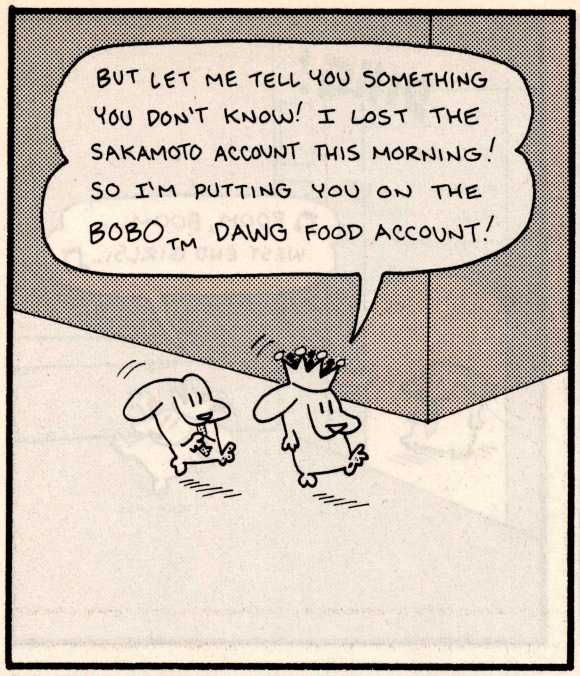
DING!
♫ BOOM, BOOM... WEST END GIRLS... ♫

HOWDY, BOSS!
FREEP!


STANWYCK! I – ER... UMMM, THAT IS TO SAY–
CHILL!


I SWEAR I DIDN'T JUST HEAR YOU SING PET SHOP BOYS IN THE ELEVATOR! NOR DID I HEAR YOU SING "STRUT" BY SHEENA EASTON EARLIER TODAY!
THANK HEAVENS!

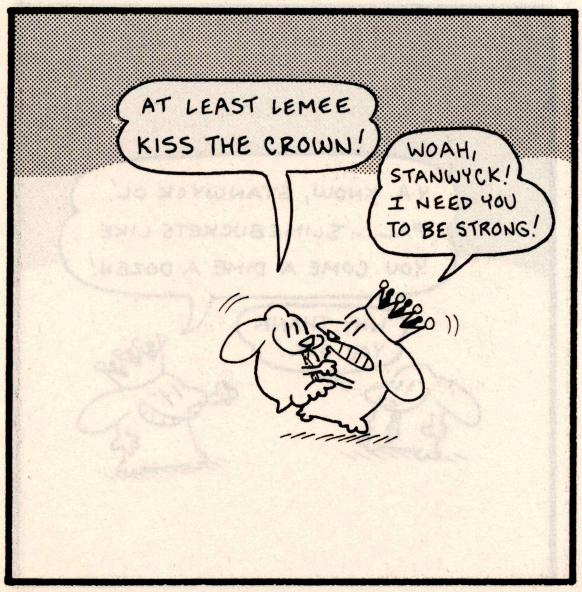
YA KNOW, STANWYCK OL' PAL... SLIMEBUCKETS LIKE YOU COME A DIME A DOZEN!
WHY, THANK YOU SIR!

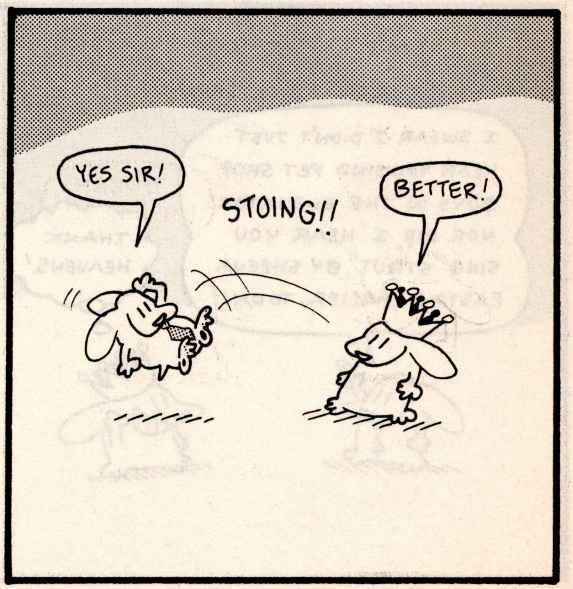

BUT LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING YOU DON'T KNOW! I LOST THE SAKAMOTO ACCOUNT THIS MORNING! SO I'M PUTTING YOU ON THE BOBO TM DAWG FOOD ACCOUNT!

BUT, BOSS! THAT ACCOUNT IS ALMOST AS BIG AS YOUR EGO!

I KNOW! THAT'S WHY WE NEED A SERIOUS TEAM OF BACKSTABBERS! YOU'LL BE MY RIGHT HAND DAWG!

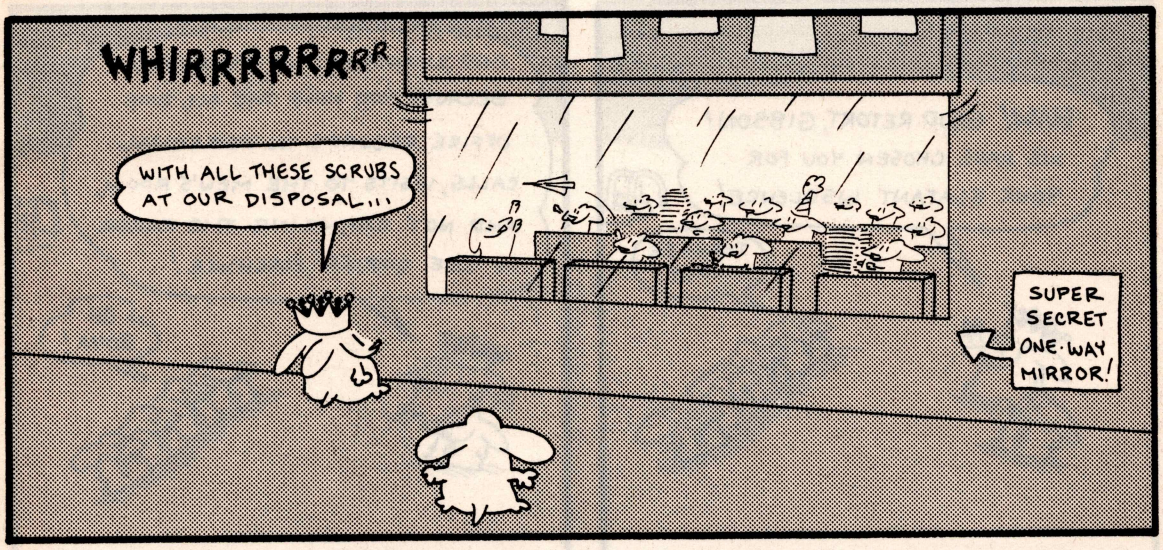
OH, BOSS! WHEN THEY MADE YOU THEY VAPORIZED THE MOLD!!!
WHOOSH!
EASY! I'M HETERO!

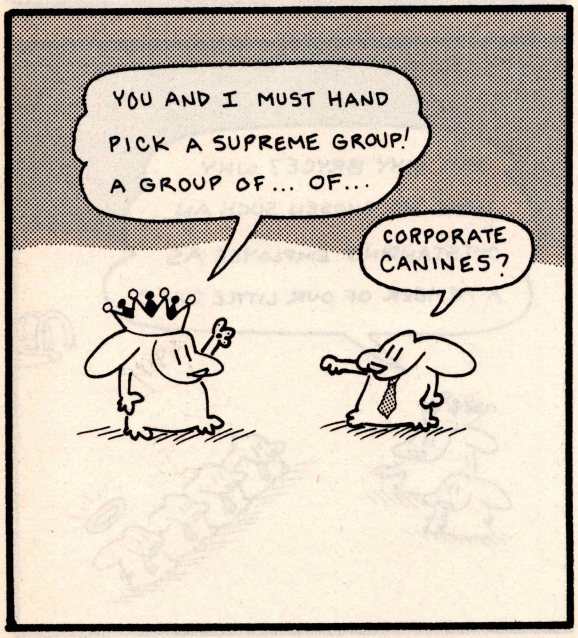

AT LEAST LEMEE KISS THE CROWN!
WOAH, STANWYCK! I NEED YOU TO BE STRONG!

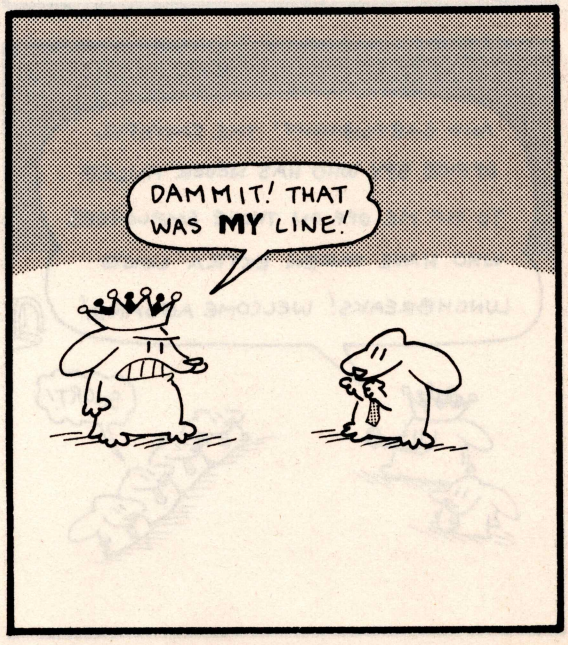

YES SIR!
STOING!!
BETTER!

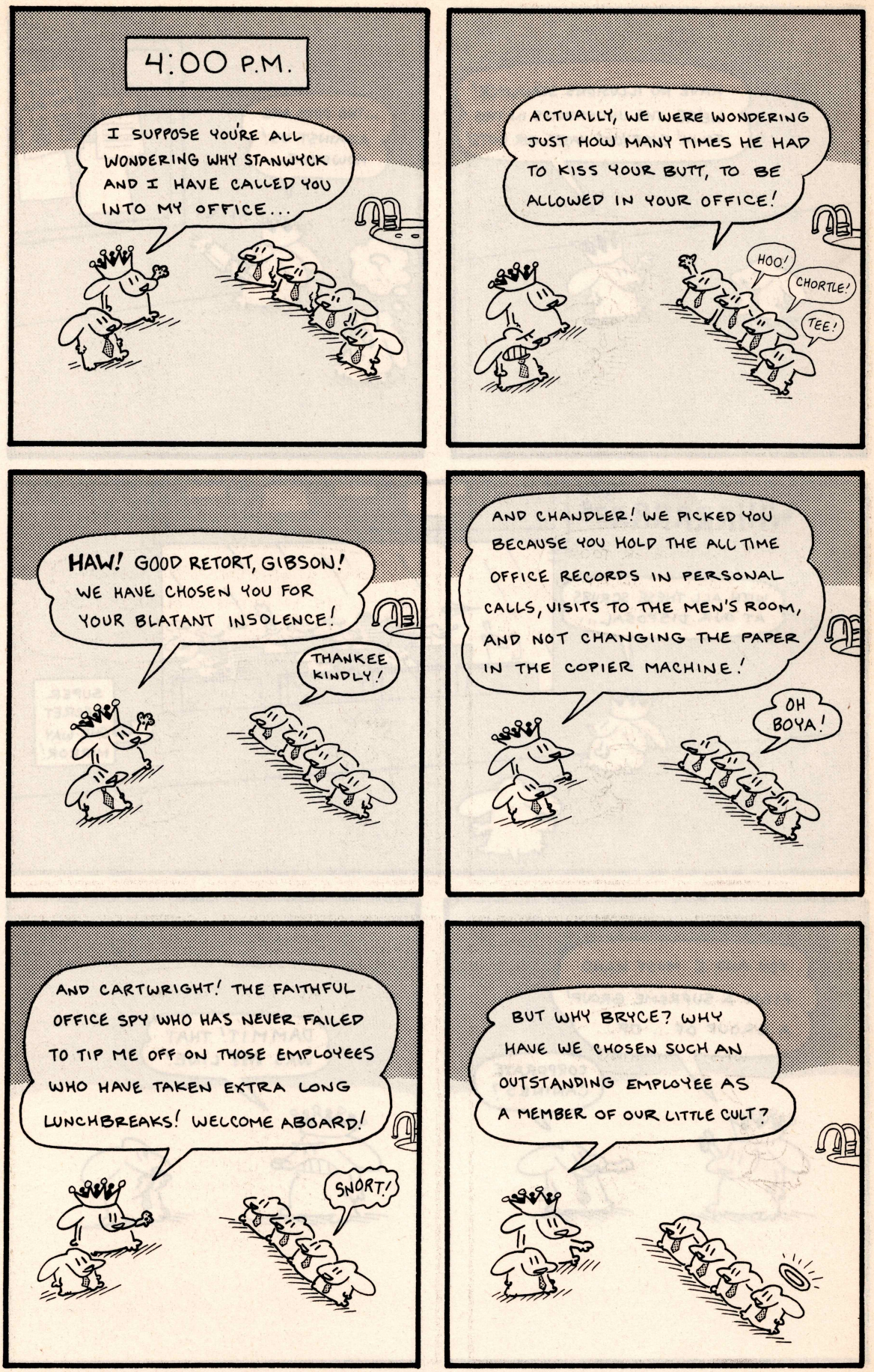
HAVE NO ILLUSIONS STANWYCK! WE'RE THE UNDERDOGS IN THIS TOWN! EVERYONE HATES OUR GUTS!

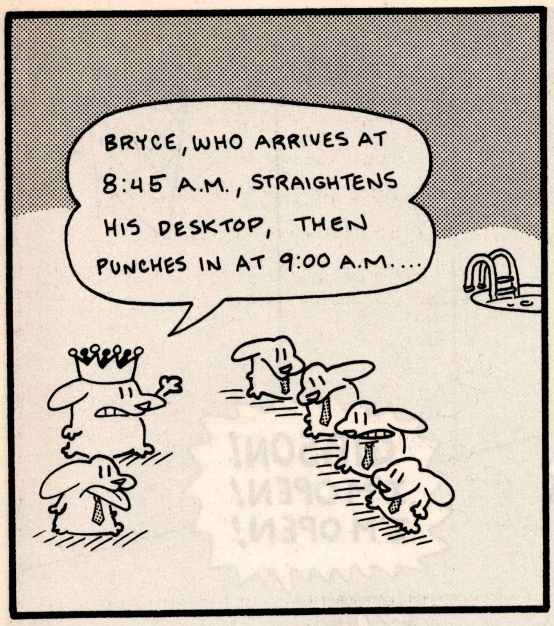
...THE ODDS ARE AGAINST US! HOWEVER...
KLIK!
?
NOTICE
WHO GOT FIRED THIS WEEK

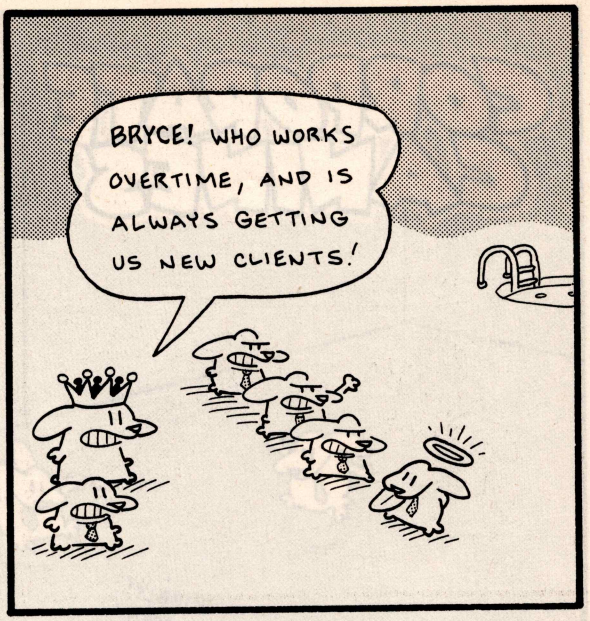

WHIRRRRRRRR
WITH ALL THESE SCRUBS AT OUR DISPOSAL...
SUPER SECRET ONE-WAY MIRROR!

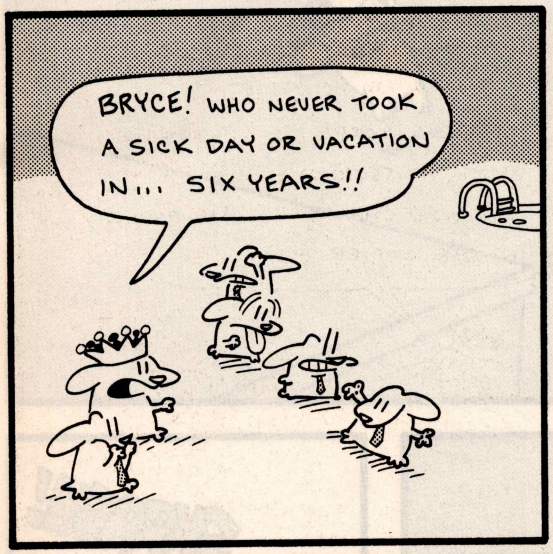

YOU AND I MUST HAND PICK A SUPREME GROUP! A GROUP OF... OF...
CORPORATE CANINES?

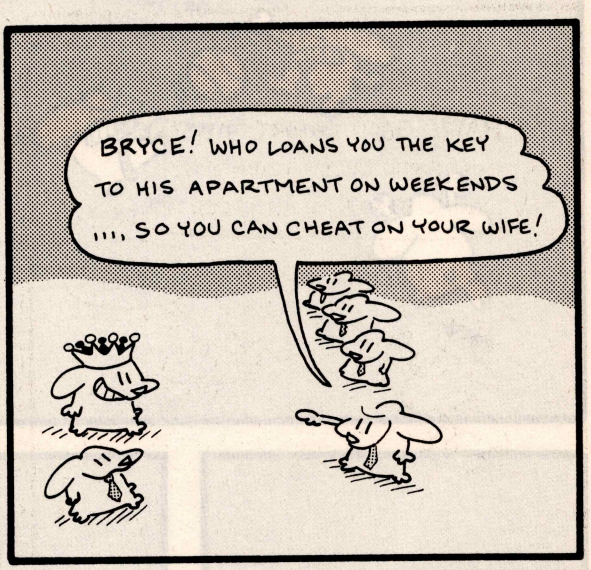

DAMMIT! THAT WAS MY LINE!


4:00 P.M.
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE ALL WONDERING WHY STANWYCK AND I HAVE CALLED YOU INTO MY OFFICE...
ACTUALLY, WE WERE WONDERING JUST HOW MANY TIMES HE HAD TO KISS YOUR BUTT, TO BE ALLOWED IN YOUR OFFICE!
HOO!
CHORTLE!
TEE!
HAW! GOOD RETORT, GIBSON! WE HAVE CHOSEN YOU FOR YOUR BLATANT INSOLENCE!
THANKEE KINDLY!
AND CHANDLER! WE PICKED YOU BECAUSE YOU HOLD THE ALL TIME OFFICE RECORDS IN PERSONAL CALLS, VISITS TO THE MEN'S ROOM, AND NOT CHANGING THE PAPER IN THE COPIER MACHINE!
OH BOYA!
AND CARTWRIGHT! THE FAITHFUL OFFICE SPY WHO HAS NEVER FAILED TO TIP ME OFF ON THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE TAKEN EXTRA LONG LUNCHBREAKS! WELCOME ABOARD!
SNORT!
BUT WHY BRYCE? WHY HAVE WE CHOSEN SUCH AN OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE AS A MEMBER OF OUR LITTLE CULT?


BRYCE, WHO ARRIVES AT 8:45 A.M., STRAIGHTENS HIS DESKTOP, THEN PUNCHES IN AT 9:00 A.M....


BRYCE! WHO WORKS OVERTIME, AND IS ALWAYS GETTING US NEW CLIENTS!

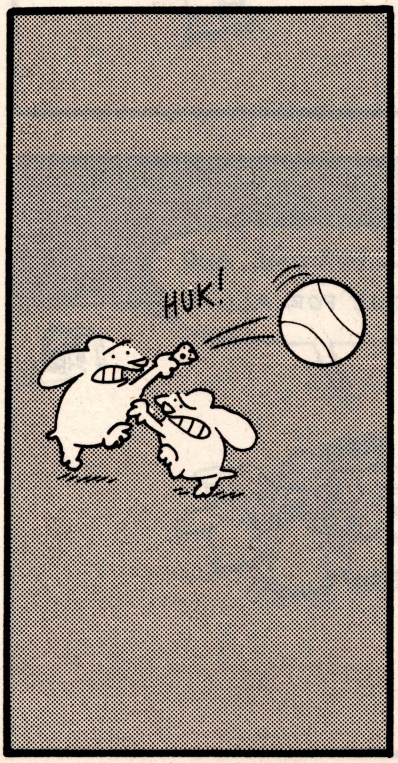

BRYCE! WHO NEVER TOOK A SICK DAY OR VACATION IN... SIX YEARS!!


BRYCE! WHO LOANS YOU THE KEY TO HIS APARTMENT ON WEEKENDS ...SO YOU CAN CHEAT ON YOUR WIFE!

THANK YOU! I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING!

ALL FOR ONE, AND NONE FOR ALL!!

CORPORATE CANINES
GIBSON! I'M OPEN! I'M OPEN!
DRIBBLY! DRIBBLY! DRIBBLE!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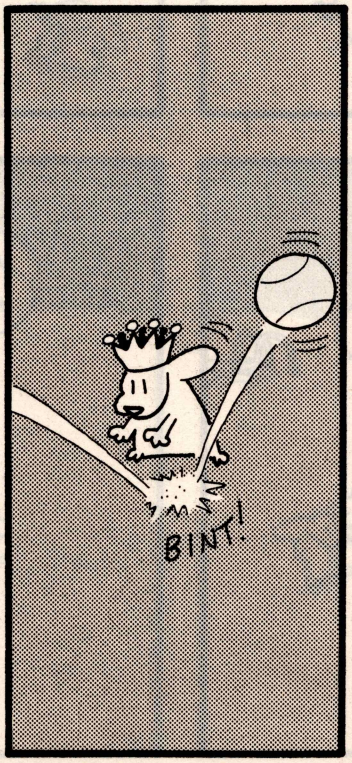
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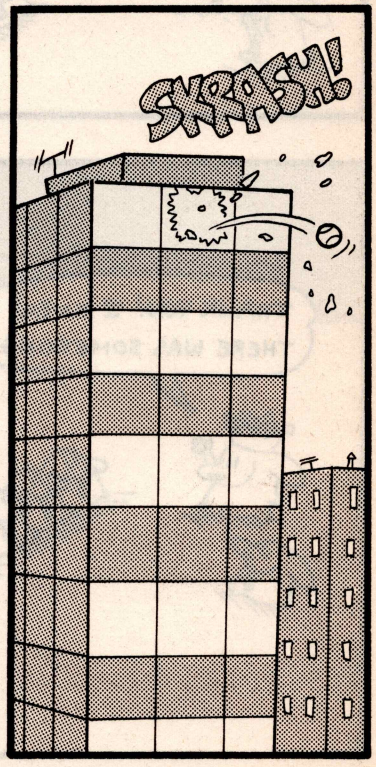
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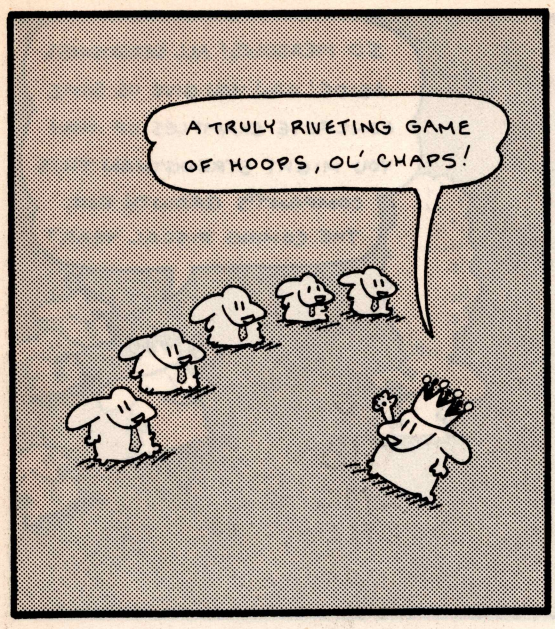
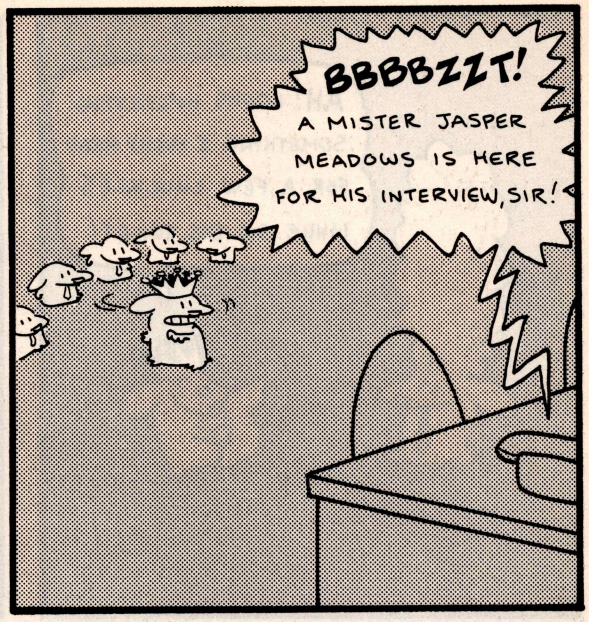
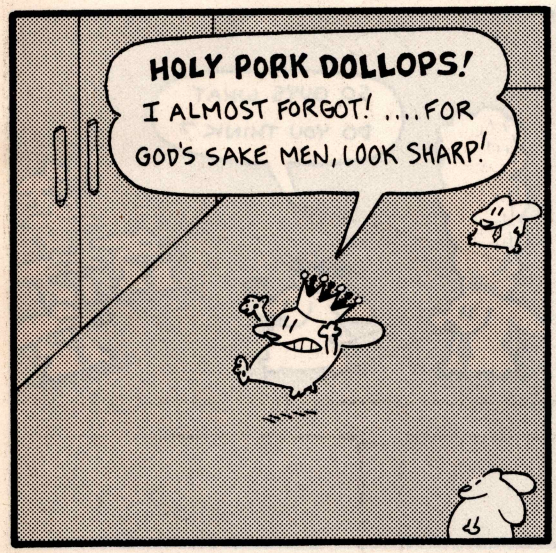
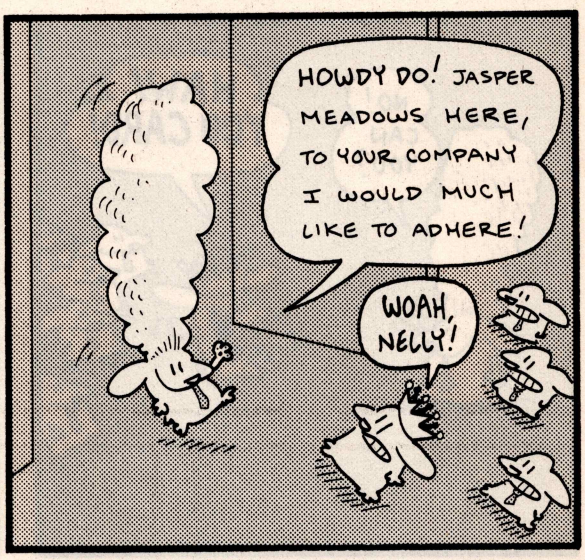
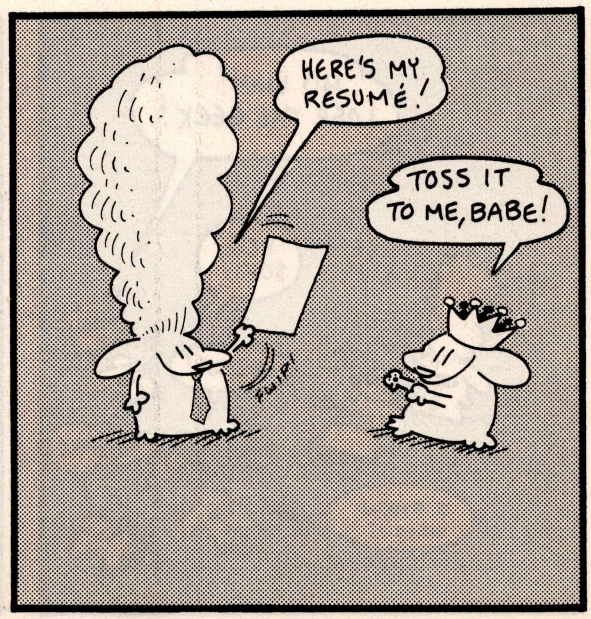

A TRULY RIVETING GAME OF HOOPS, OL' CHAPS!

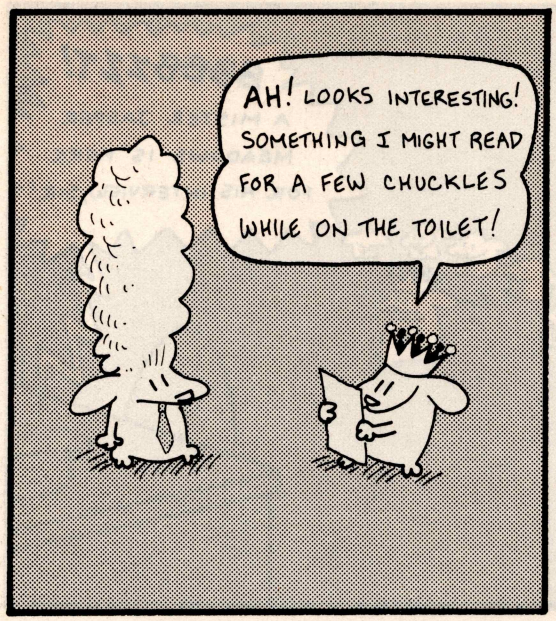

BBBBZZT!
A MISTER JASPER MEADOWS IS HERE FOR HIS INTERVIEW, SIR!

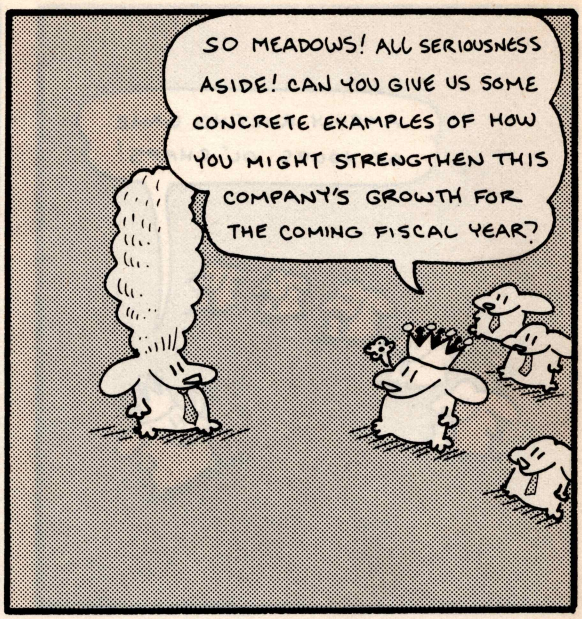

HOLY PORK DOLLOPS! I ALMOST FORGOT! ....FOR GOD'S SAKE MEN, LOOK SHARP!

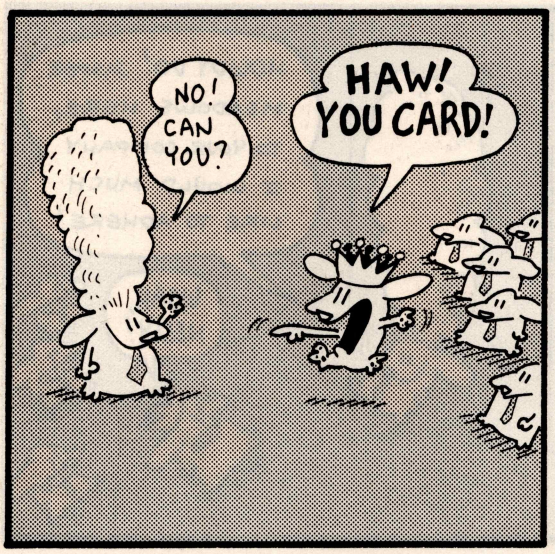

HOWDY DO! JASPER MEADOWS HERE, TO YOUR COMPANY I WOULD MUCH LIKE TO ADHERE!
WOAH, NELLY!

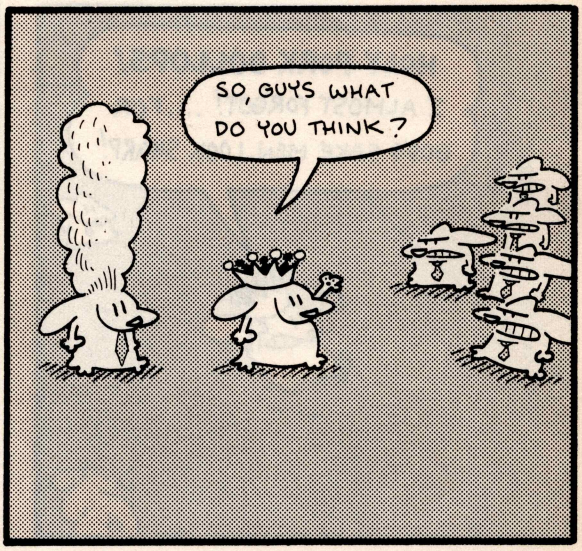
WELL MR. MEADOWS! HAVE YOU ANY DOCUMENTS WITH YOU?

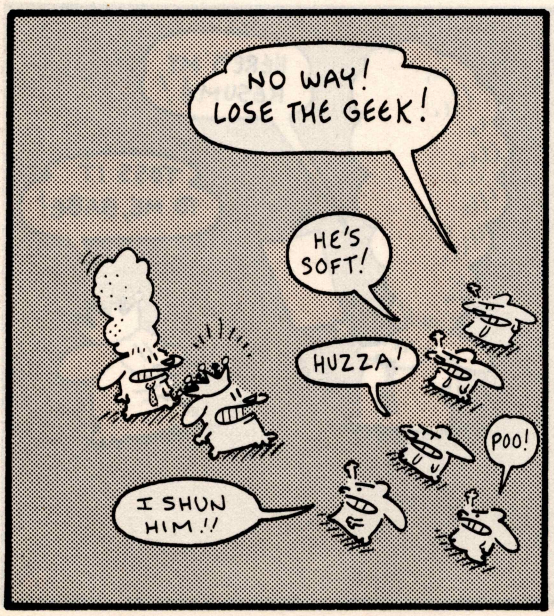

HERE'S MY RESUMÉ!
TOSS IT TO ME, BABE!
FWIP!

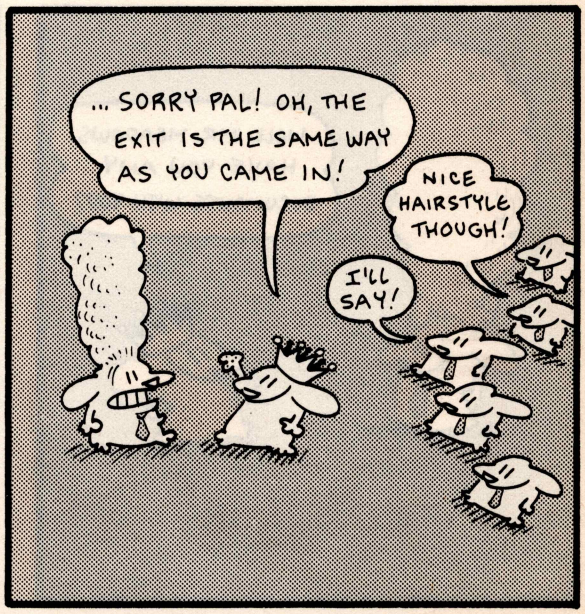

AH! LOOKS INTERESTING! SOMETHING I MIGHT READ FOR A FEW CHUCKLES WHILE ON THE TOILET!


SO MEADOWS! ALL SERIOUSNESS ASIDE! CAN YOU GIVE US SOME CONCRETE EXAMPLES OF HOW YOU MIGHT STRENGTHEN THIS COMPANY'S GROWTH FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR?

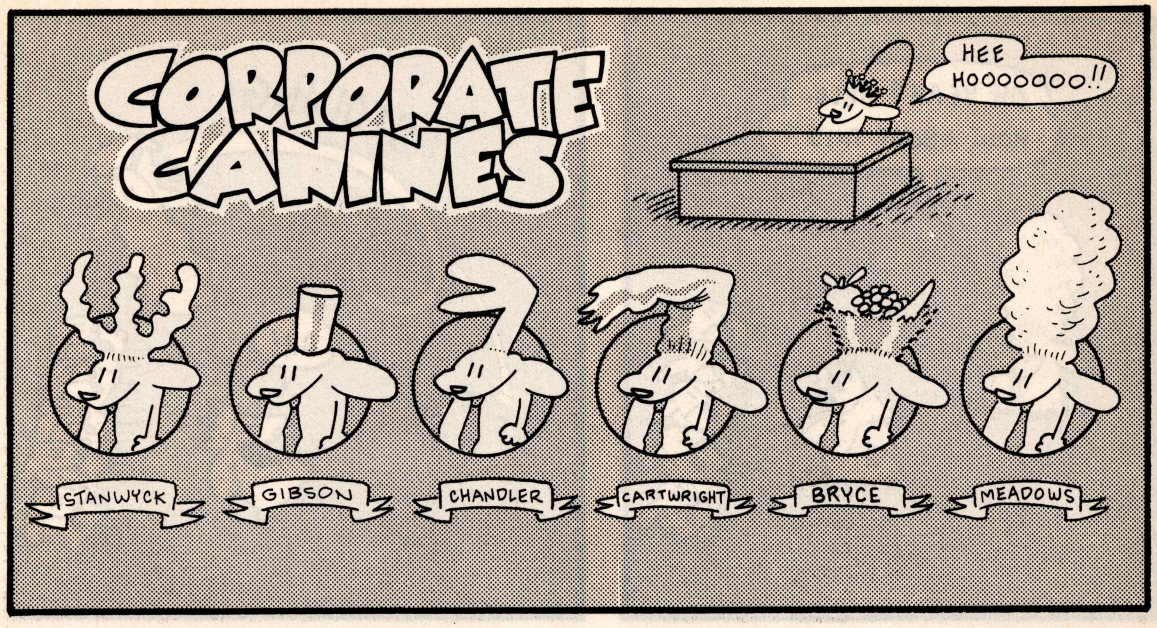

NO! CAN YOU?
HAW! YOU CARD!

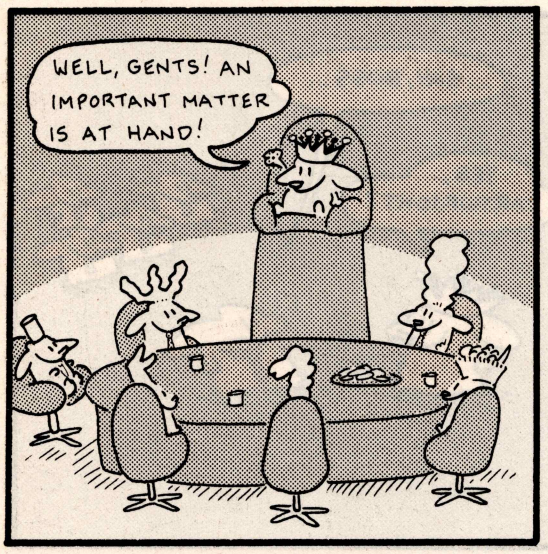

SO, GUYS WHAT DO YOU THINK?

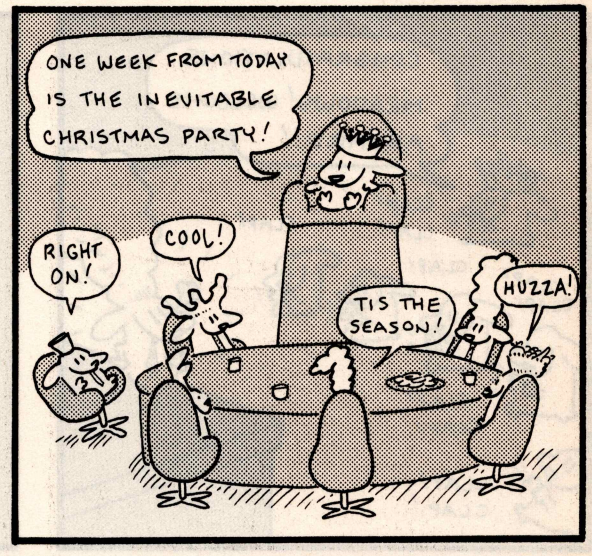

NO WAY! LOSE THE GEEK!
HE'S SOFT!
HUZZA!
POO!
I SHUN HIM!!


... SORRY PAL! OH, THE EXIT IS THE SAME WAY AS YOU CAME IN!
NICE HAIRSTYLE THOUGH!
I'LL SAY!

OH YEAH? WELL HOW ABOUT THIS?
STOINNG!
OH!
CONGRATULATIONS MEADOWS! WELCOME ABOARD!!
CLAP! CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP! CLAP!
CLAP! CLAP!
CLAP! CLAP!
... SAY, BOSS ...
YES, CARTWRIGHT?
WELL, IF MEADOWS CAN WEAR HIS HAIR LIKE THAT, HOW ABOUT ALL OF US?
YEAH! WE WANNA STAND OUT LIKE BEACONS, TOO!
HUZZA!
OF COURSE! THIS AIN'T NO SECOND RATE OPERATION! HERE'S $5,000 CASH! ALL OF YOU GO TO THE EAST VILLAGE, AND DON'T RETURN UNTIL YOUR HACKLES DEFY GRAVITY!!
HERE I COME GREENIE!
I LOVE THIS JOB!

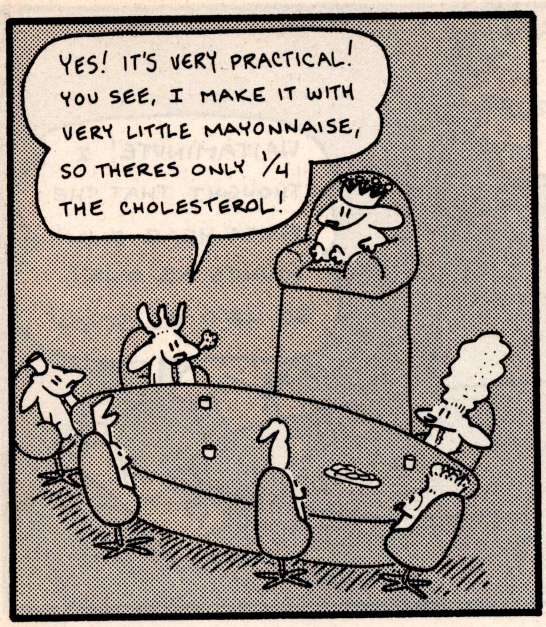

CORPORATE CANINES
HEE HOOOOOOO!!
STANWYCK
GIBSON
CHANDLER
CARTWRIGHT
BRYCE
MEADOWS


WELL, GENTS! AN IMPORTANT MATTER IS AT HAND!

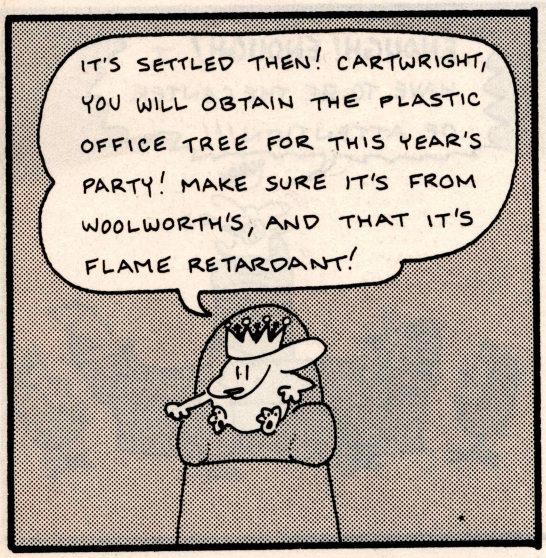

ONE WEEK FROM TODAY IS THE INEVITABLE CHRISTMAS PARTY!
RIGHT ON!
COOL!
TIS THE SEASON!
HUZZA!

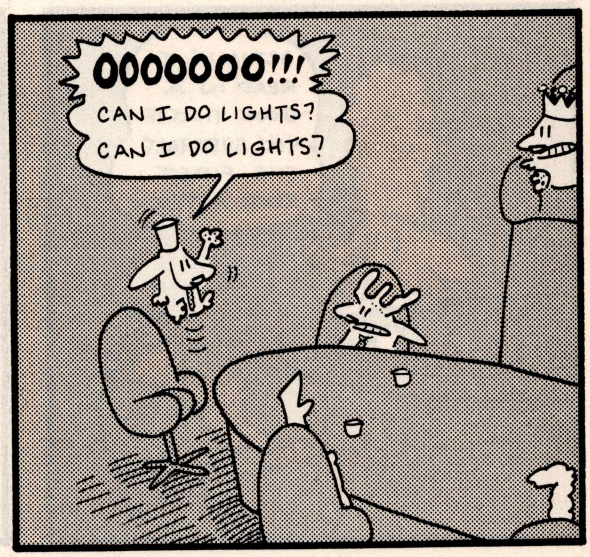
THE REST OF THE STAFF, THAT IS... THE SCRUBS, WILL BE EXPECTING A BONUS!

THIS YEAR, INSTEAD OF CASH, STANWYCK AND I HAVE DECIDED TO GIVE OUT TUNA SALAD TO THE EMPLOYEES!
WHAT? TUNA SALAD??


YES! IT'S VERY PRACTICAL! YOU SEE, I MAKE IT WITH VERY LITTLE MAYONNAISE, SO THERES ONLY 1/4 THE CHOLESTEROL!

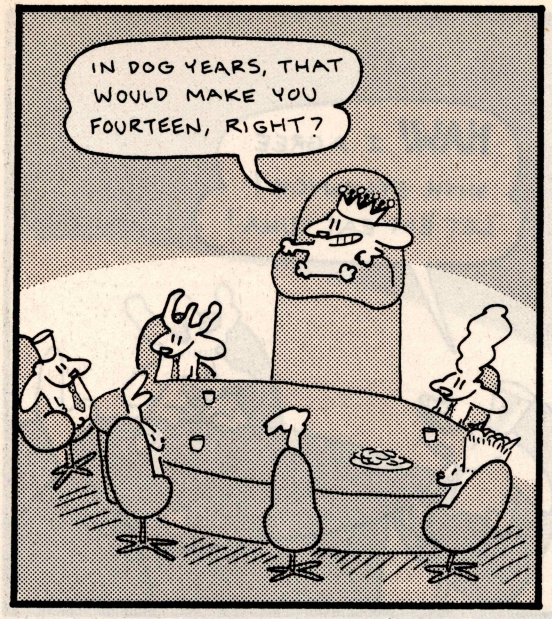
HAW! I AGREE WITH STANWYCK! LET ÈM EAT TUNA!


IT'S SETTLED THEN! CARTWRIGHT, YOU WILL OBTAIN THE PLASTIC OFFICE TREE FOR THIS YEAR'S PARTY! MAKE SURE IT'S FROM WOOLWORTH'S, AND THAT IT'S FLAME RETARDANT!

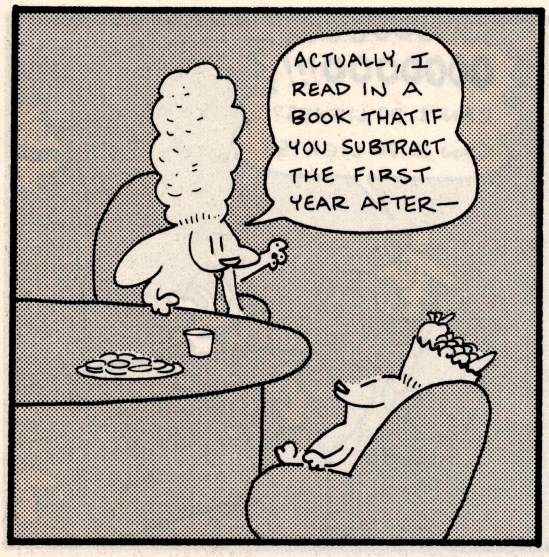

OOOOOOO!!! CAN I DO LIGHTS? CAN I DO LIGHTS?

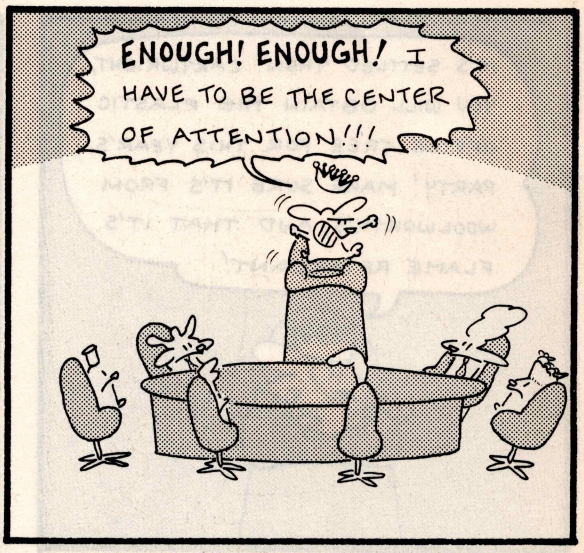
FOR PETE'S SAKE, GIBSON! STOP ACTING AS IF YOU WERE TWO!!

BUT, I AM 2, SIR!!

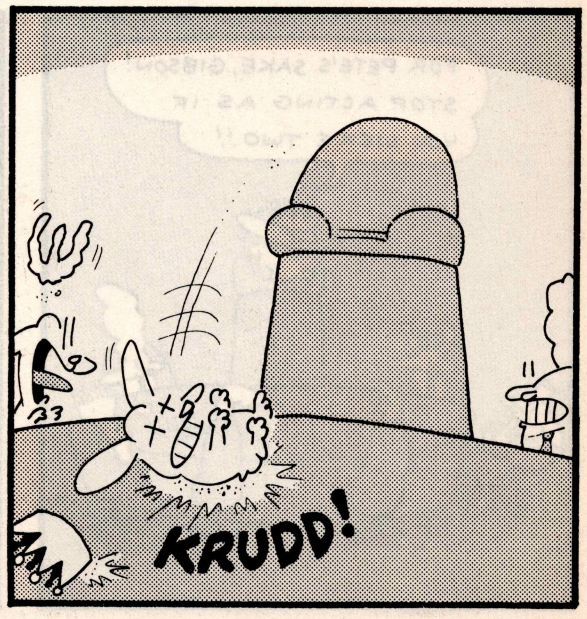

IN DOG YEARS, THAT WOULD MAKE YOU FOURTEEN, RIGHT?

WAITAMINUTE! I THOUGHT THAT THE FIRST YEAR ONLY COUNTS AS ONE! SO HE'D BE SEVEN!


ACTUALLY, I READ IN A BOOK THAT IF YOU SUBTRACT THE FIRST YEAR AFTER—


ENOUGH! ENOUGH! I HAVE TO BE THE CENTER OF ATTENTION!!!

WHOOOPS!
SLIP!


KRUDD!

BOSS! ARE YOU O.K.?
SAY SOMETHING! SPEAK TO US!
HA! HA! HA! HA!
SORRY! I COULDN'T HELP IT!
HE'S DELIRIOUS!
WAIT! HE'S TRYING TO SAY SOMETHING!
UMMMMM....
PFFFAW!
...PLEASE...WHATEVER YOU DO FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY PROVISIONS... NO SWISS COLONY FRUITCAKE....
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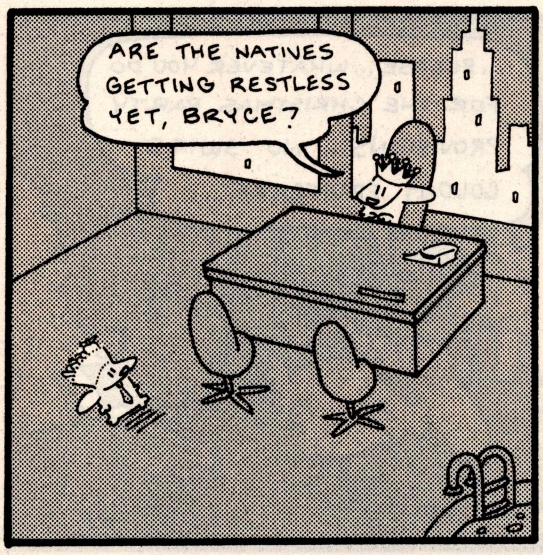
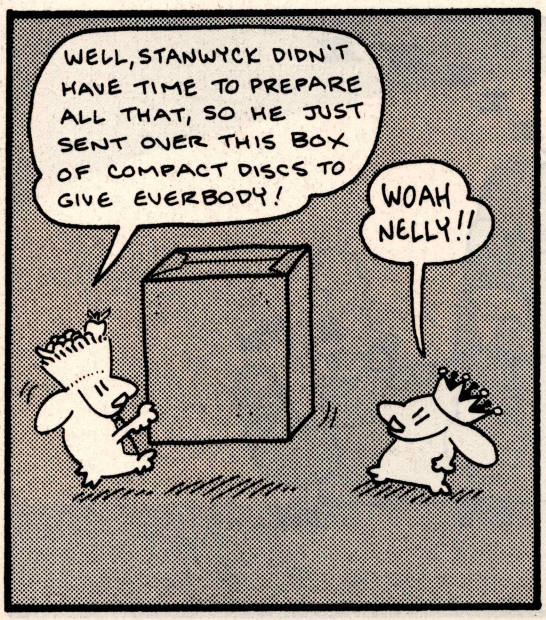
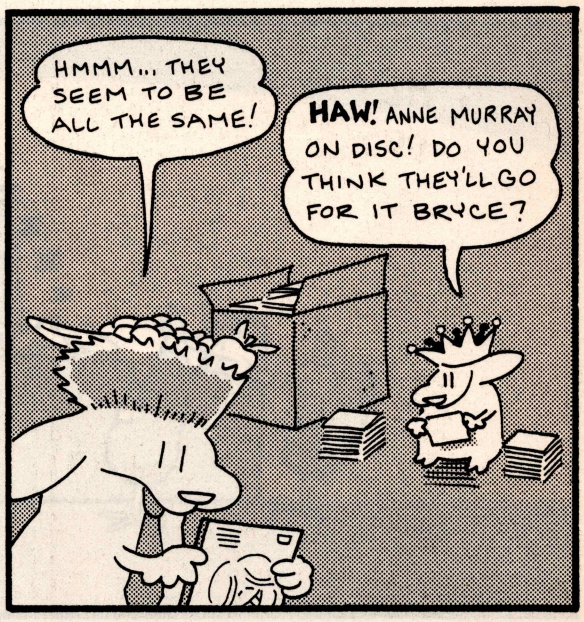
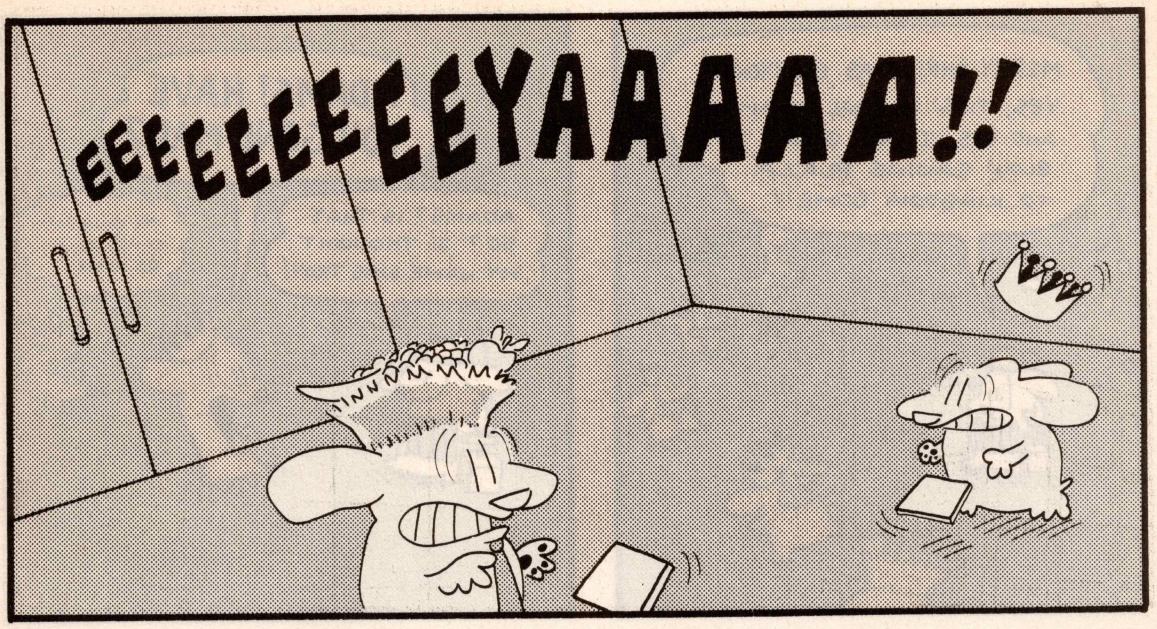
CORPORATE CANINES
JINGLE BELL JINGLE BELL JINGLE BELL ROCK...

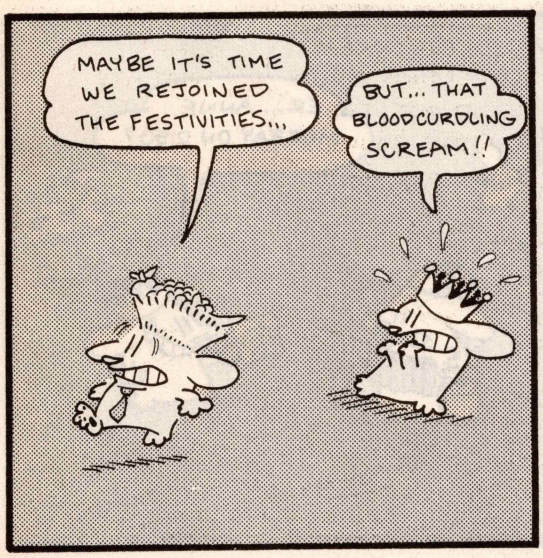

ARE THE NATIVES GETTING RESTLESS YET, BRYCE?

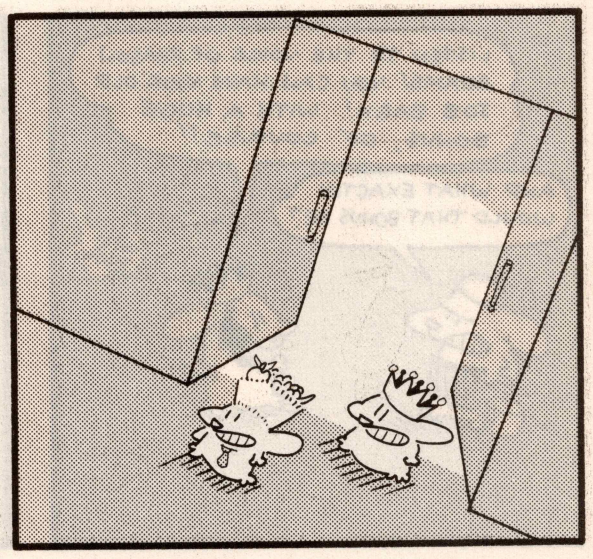
WELL, EVERYONE IS EXPECTING YOU TO HAND OUT THE HOLIDAY BONUSES!
WHAT ARE THEY THIS YEAR? TUNA SALAD??
EL PRESIDE


WELL, STANWYCK DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO PREPARE ALL THAT, SO HE JUST SENT OVER THIS BOX OF COMPACT DISCS TO GIVE EVERBODY!
WOAH NELLY!!


HMMM... THEY SEEM TO BE ALL THE SAME!
HAW! ANNE MURRAY ON DISC! DO YOU THINK THEY'LL GO FOR IT BRYCE?

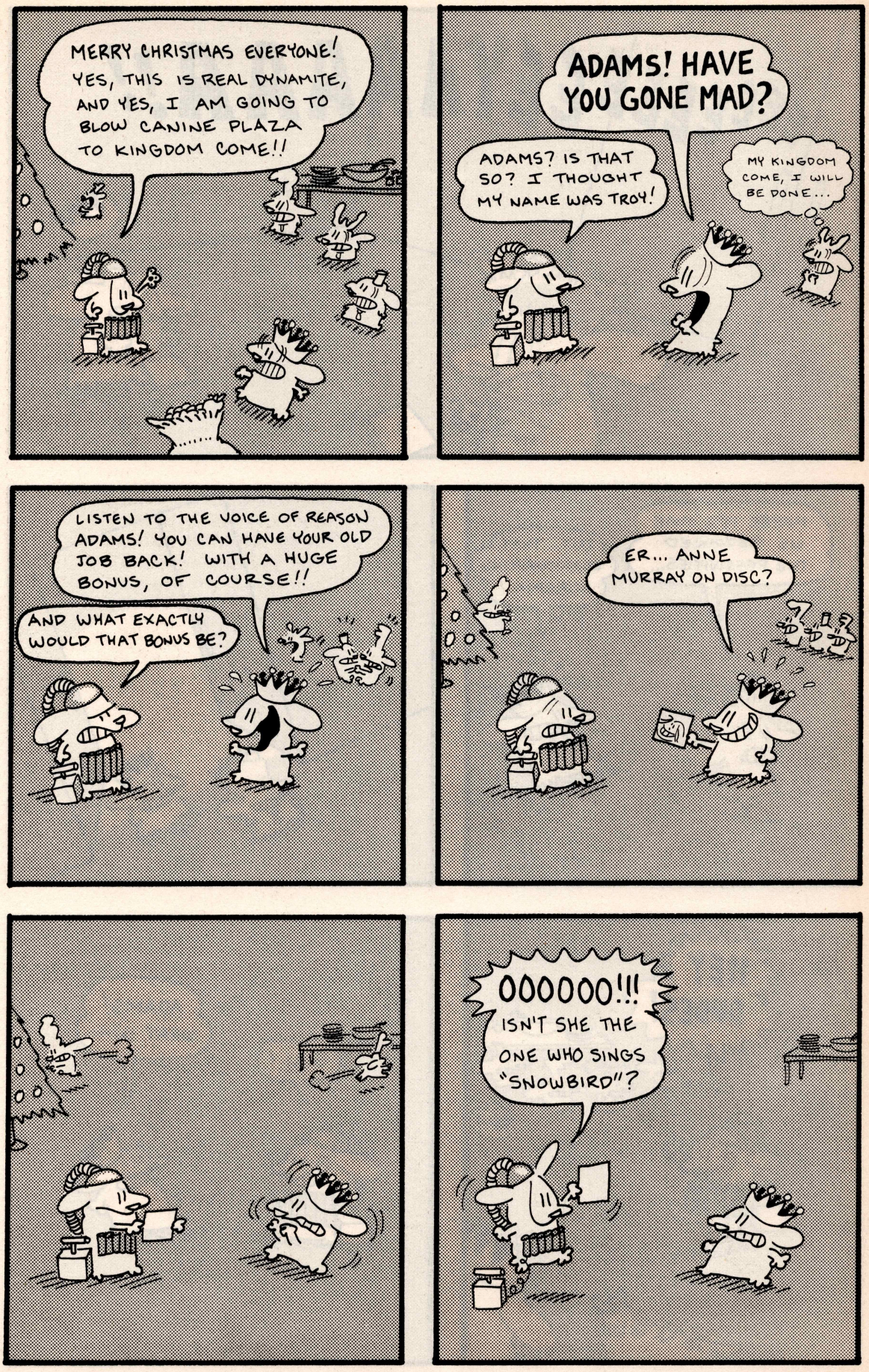

EEEEEEEEYAAAAA!!

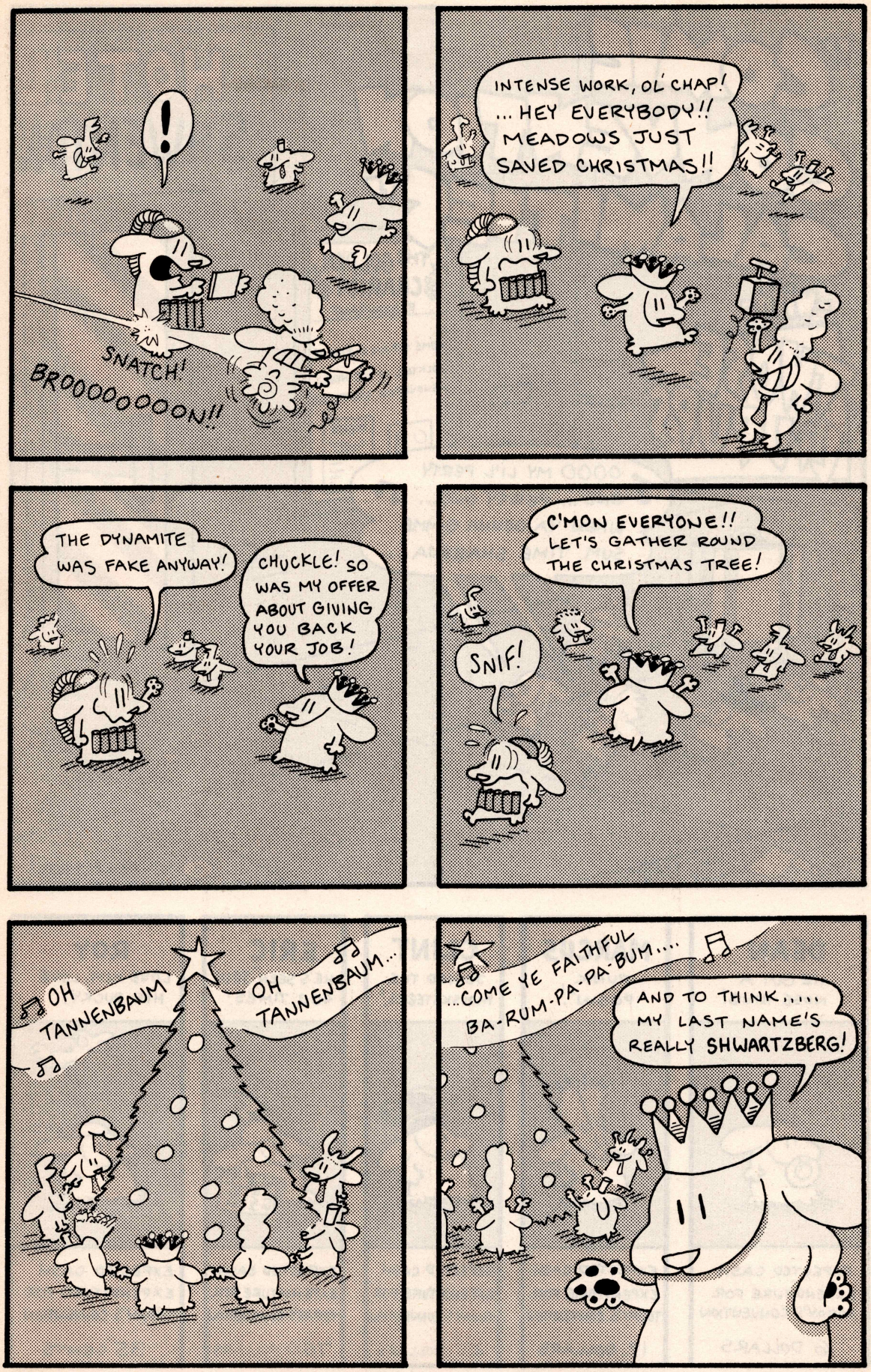

MAYBE IT'S TIME WE REJOINED THE FESTIVITIES...
BUT... THAT BLOODCURDLING SCREAM!!



HEY DUDES!

GIGL!
ADAMS! WHAT IN—


MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE! YES, THIS IS REAL DYNAMITE, AND YES, I AM GOING TO BLOW CANINE PLAZA TO KINGDOM COME!!
ADAMS! HAVE YOU GONE MAD?
ADAMS? IS THAT SO? I THOUGHT MY NAME WAS TROY!
MY KINGDOM COME, I WILL BE DONE...
LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF REASON ADAMS! YOU CAN HAVE YOUR OLD JOB BACK! WITH A HUGE BONUS, OF COURSE!!
AND WHAT EXACTLY WOULD THAT BONUS BE?
ER... ANNE MURRAY ON DISC?
OOOOOO!!! ISN'T SHE THE ONE WHO SINGS "SNOWBIRD"?


!
SNATCH!
BROOOOOOOON!!
INTENSE WORK, OL' CHAP! ... HEY EVERYBODY!! MEADOWS JUST SAVED CHRISTMAS!!
THE DYNAMITE WAS FAKE ANYWAY!
CHUCKLE! SO WAS MY OFFER ABOUT GIVING YOU BACK YOUR JOB!
C'MON EVERYONE!! LET'S GATHER ROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE!
SNIF!
OH TANNENBAUM
OH TANNENBAUM...
...COME YE FAITHFUL BA-RUM-PA-PA-BUM....
AND TO THINK..... MY LAST NAME'S REALLY SHWARTZBERG!

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HOTEL SHWENTON

THE GOLDEN CHARIOT RESTAURANT

COME SIP AN ELEGANT COCKTAIL IN OUR NEWLY RENOVATED CHOPHOUSE

MENU

♪ OOOO MY LI'L PERTY ONE... PERTY ONE... ♪ WHEN YA GONNA GIMME SUM TIME SHARONA...

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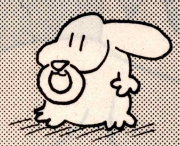
DEAN

HE GOT A NOSE RING!



EXPECTED CASH EXPENDITURE FOR TODAY'S CONVENTION

6 DOLLARS

MARCUS

PUNK POSIN'!

EXPECTED CASH EXPENDITURE FOR TODAY'S CONVENTION

12 DOLLARS

CLINT

JOINED THE MOUSKETEERS!

EXPECTED CASH EXPENDITURE FOR TODAY'S CONVENTION

25 DOLLARS

ERIC

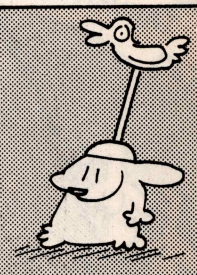
HE'S SEEN "JEDI" 400 TIMES!

EXPECTED CASH EXPENDITURE FOR TODAY'S CONVENTION

750 DOLLARS

ROY

LOVE HIM, LOVE HIS DUCKY!



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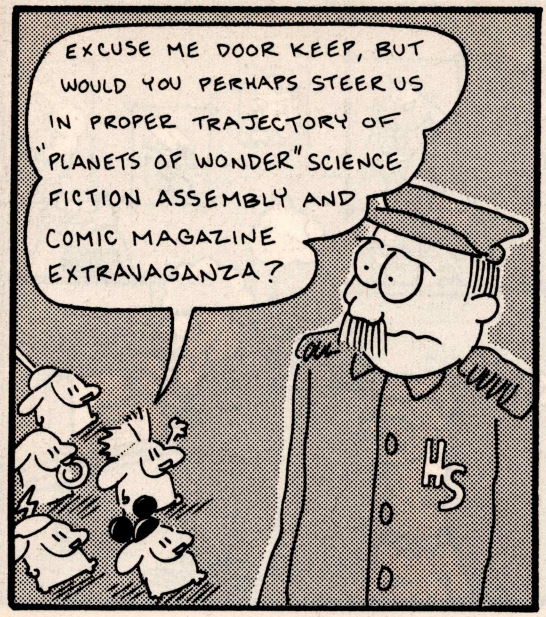
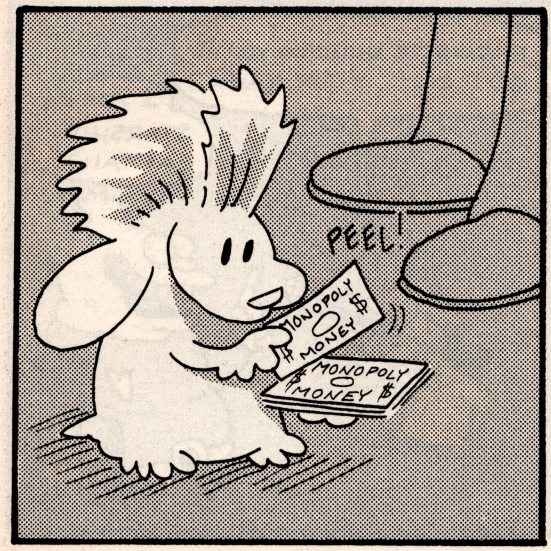
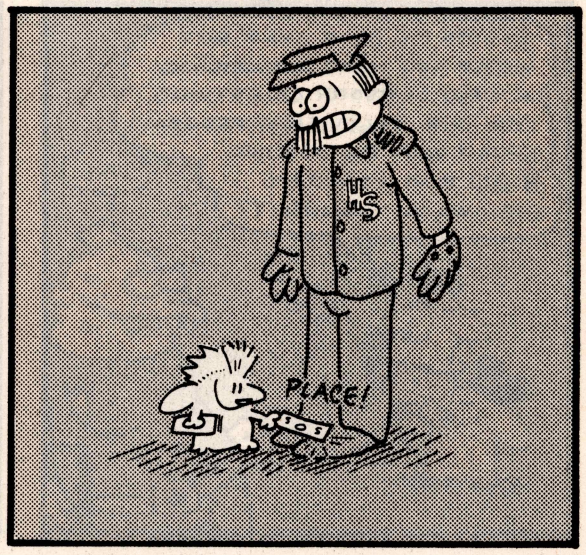
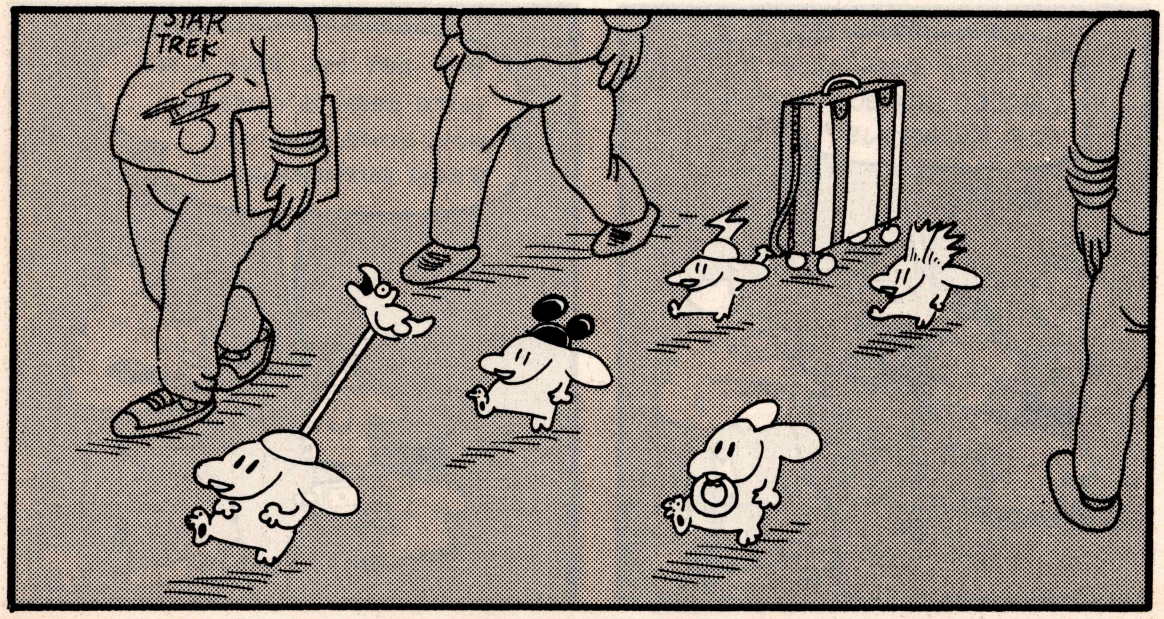
35 CENTS


EXCUSE ME DOOR KEEP, BUT WOULD YOU PERHAPS STEER US IN PROPER TRAJECTORY OF "PLANETS OF WONDER" SCIENCE FICTION ASSEMBLY AND COMIC MAGAZINE EXTRAVAGANZA?

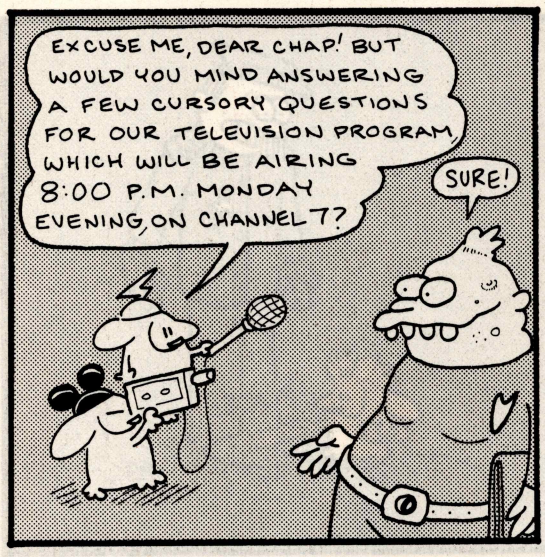
COAT CHECK
THE CONVENTION IS BEING HELD IN THE LAFAYETTE ROOM, STRAIGHT AHEAD...


PEEL!
MONOPOLY MONEY
MONOPOLY MONEY

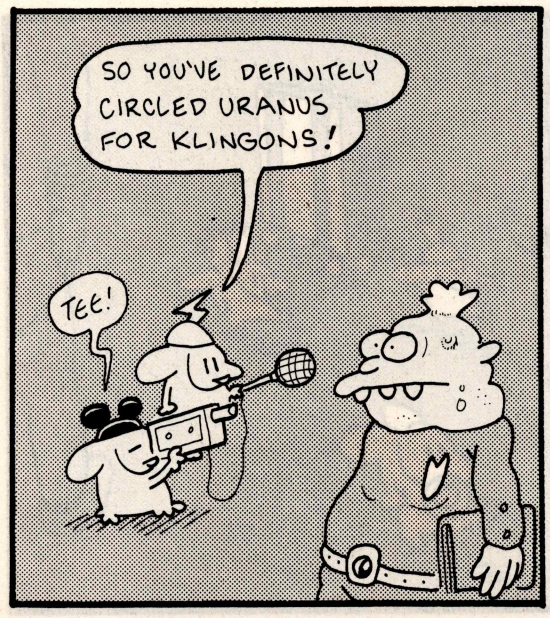

PLACE!


STAR TREK

COOL! GEEK-O-RAMA! BREAK OUT THE VIDEO CAM, ERIC!
JAMES BOND STILLS
DOCTOR WHO

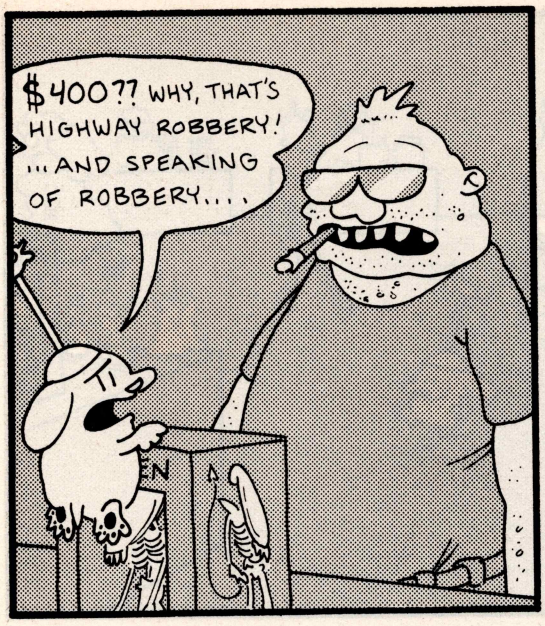

EXCUSE ME, DEAR CHAP! BUT WOULD YOU MIND ANSWERING A FEW CURSORY QUESTIONS FOR OUR TELEVISION PROGRAM, WHICH WILL BE AIRING 8:00 P.M. MONDAY EVENING, ON CHANNEL 7?
SURE!

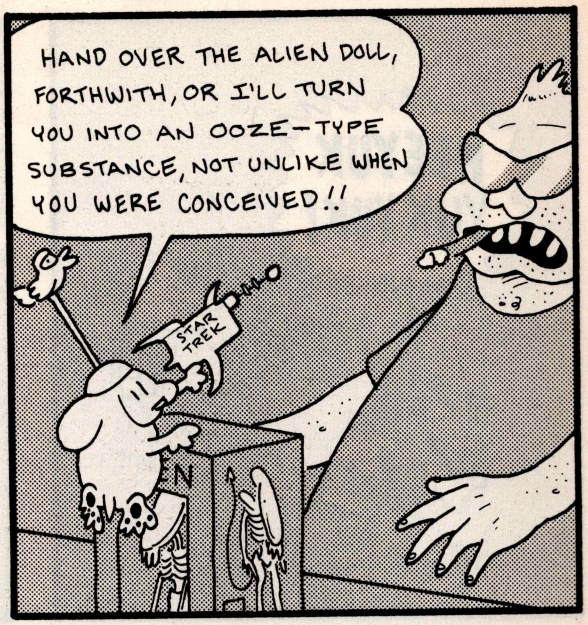
EXQUISITE UNIFORM YOU'VE GOT ON! ...YOUR RANK?
I AM STARSHIP CAPTAIN!

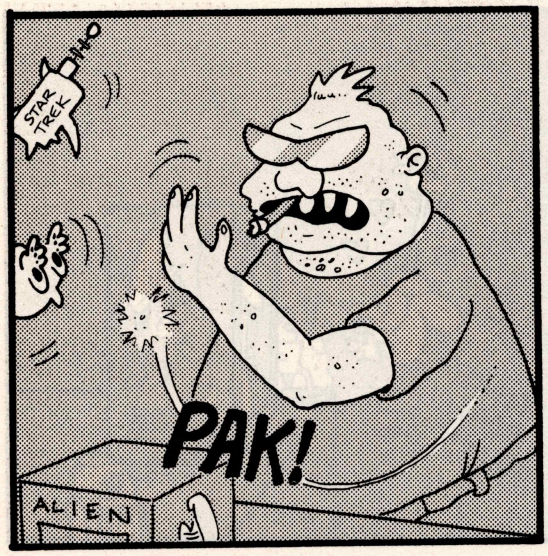

SO YOU'VE DEFINITELY CIRCLED URANUS FOR KLINGONS!
TEE!

BUT LET ME POSE A FAR MORE SERIOUS QUESTION... HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN OVERWEIGHT??

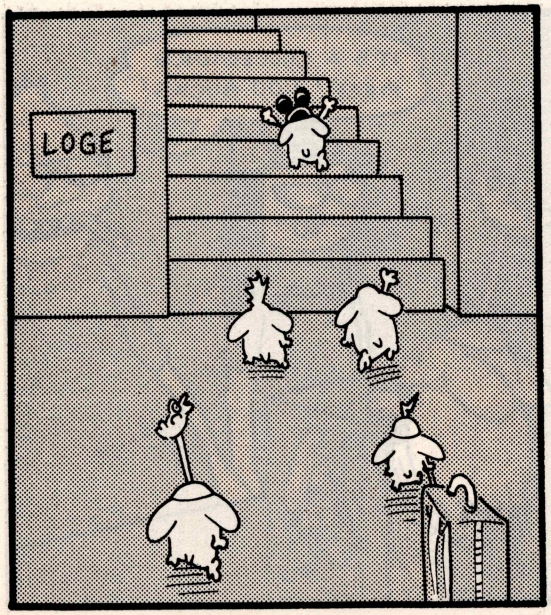
HEEYUK YUK YUK!
ALIEN
FLOAT! FLOAT! FLOAT!
EXCUSE ME SIR, HOW MUCH IS THIS ITEM?
IT'S A COLLECTOR'S PIECE! 400 BUCKS!
STAR WARS
TREMORS


$400?? WHY, THAT'S HIGHWAY ROBBERY! ...AND SPEAKING OF ROBBERY....


HAND OVER THE ALIEN DOLL, FORTHWITH, OR I'LL TURN YOU INTO AN OOZE-TYPE SUBSTANCE, NOT UNLIKE WHEN YOU WERE CONCEIVED!!
STAR TREK


STAR TREK
PAK!
ALIEN

HURRY UP ROY! YER GONNA MISS THE AUCTION! BARGAINS A' POPPIN'!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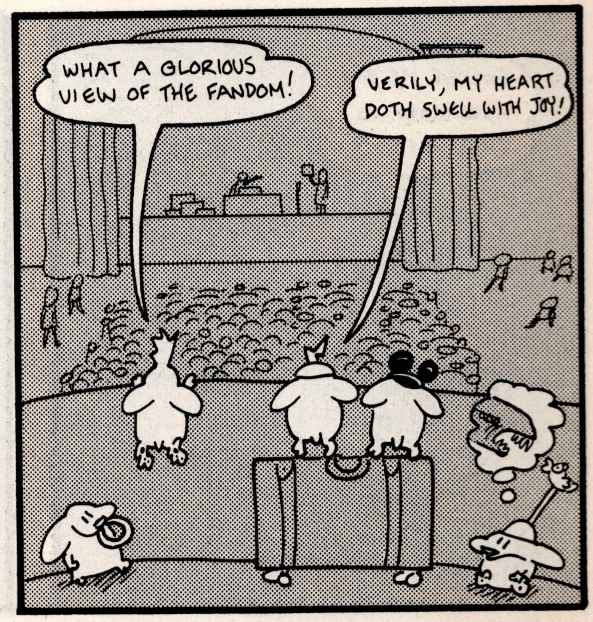
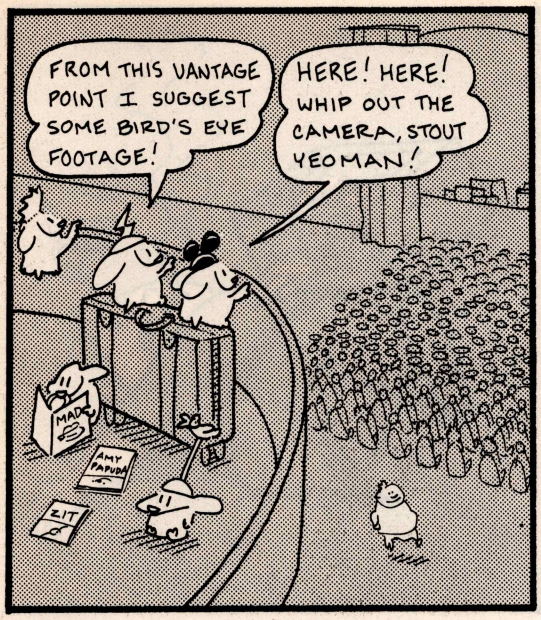
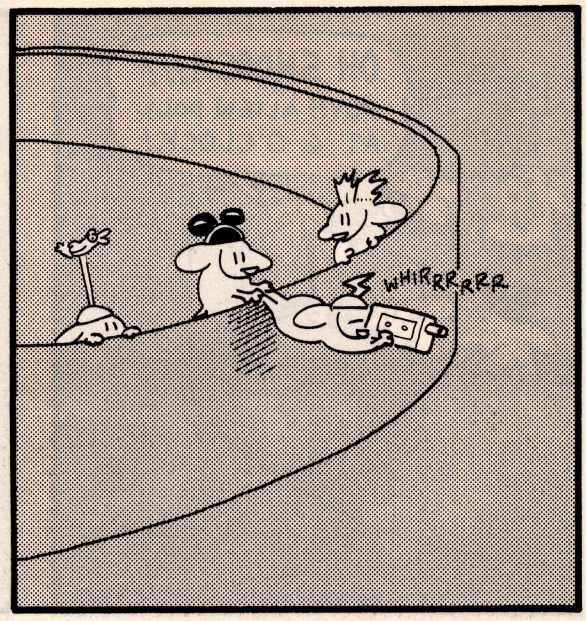
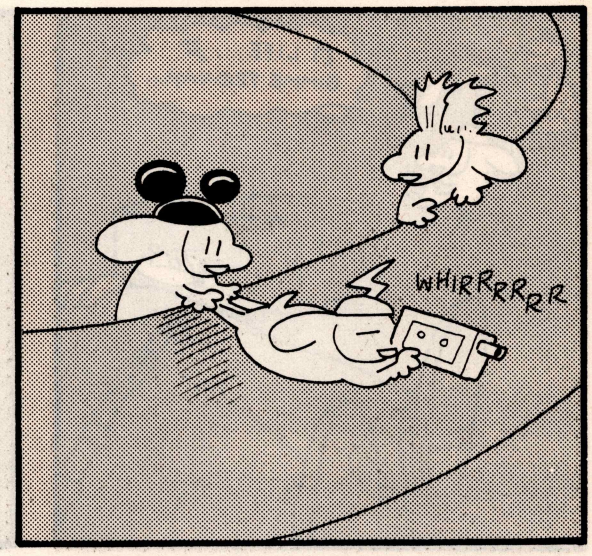

WHAT A GLORIOUS VIEW OF THE FANDOM!
VERILY, MY HEART DOTH SWELL WITH JOY!


FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT I SUGGEST SOME BIRD'S EYE FOOTAGE!
HERE! HERE! WHIP OUT THE CAMERA, STOUT YEOMAN!
MADE
AMY PAPUDA
EIT


WHIRRRRRR

HMMPFF! CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE CRAP THEY'VE GOT AT THIS AUCTION! .... I'D LEAVE THIS BACK AT THE TABLE, BUT I DON'T TRUST MY PARTNER ENOUGH...
ALIEN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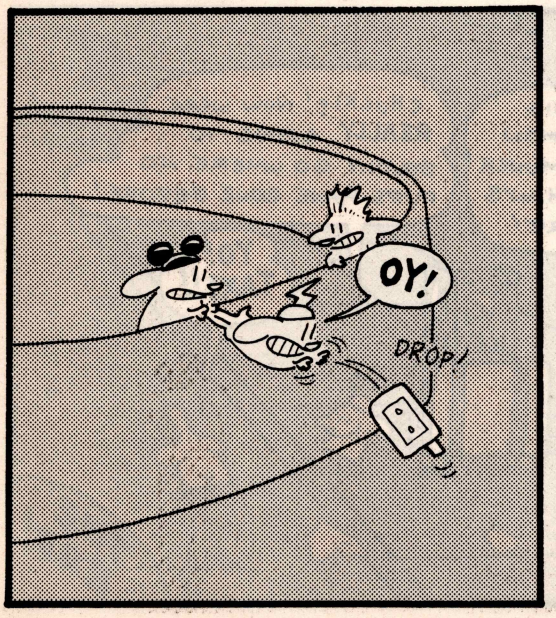
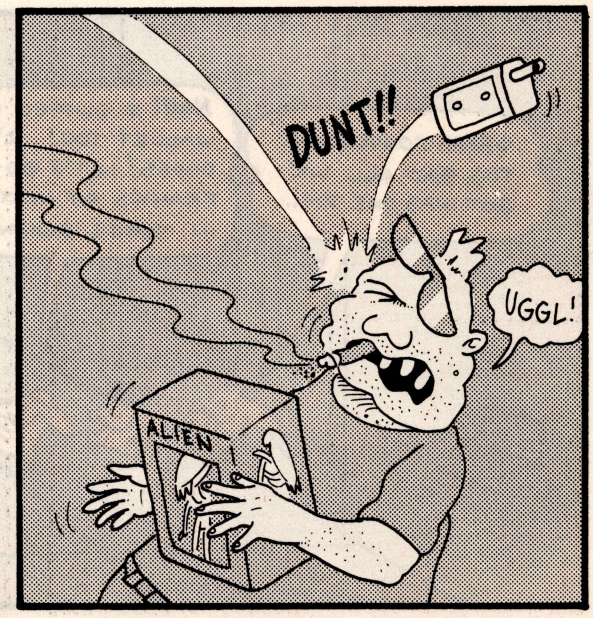
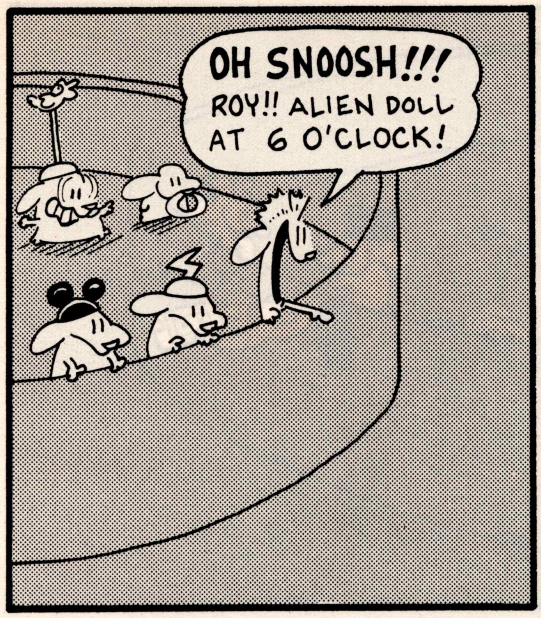
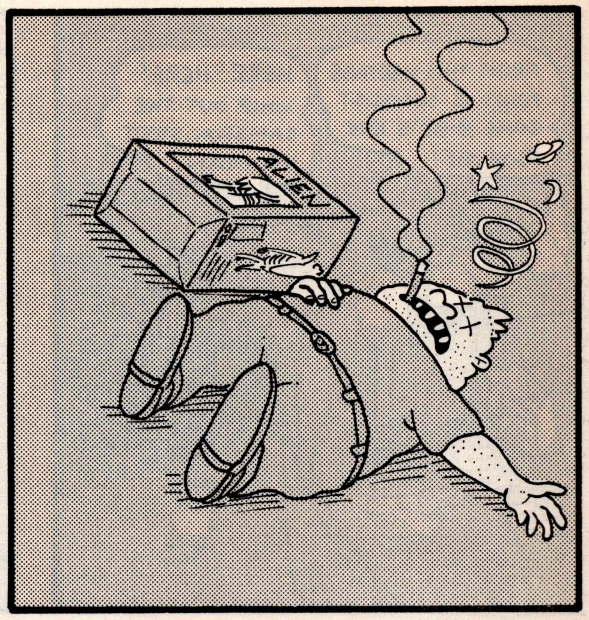

OY!
DROP!


DUNT!!
UGGL!
ALIEN


OH SNOOSH!!!
ROY!! ALIEN DOLL AT 6 O'CLOCK!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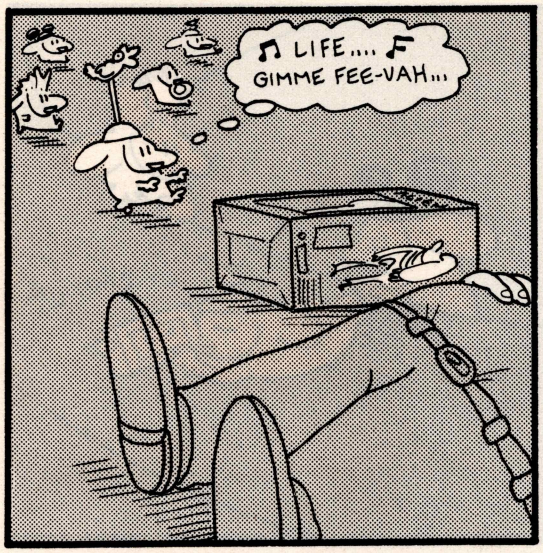
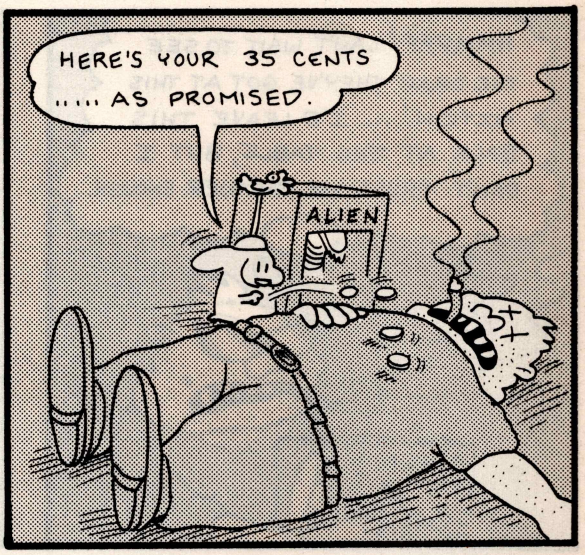
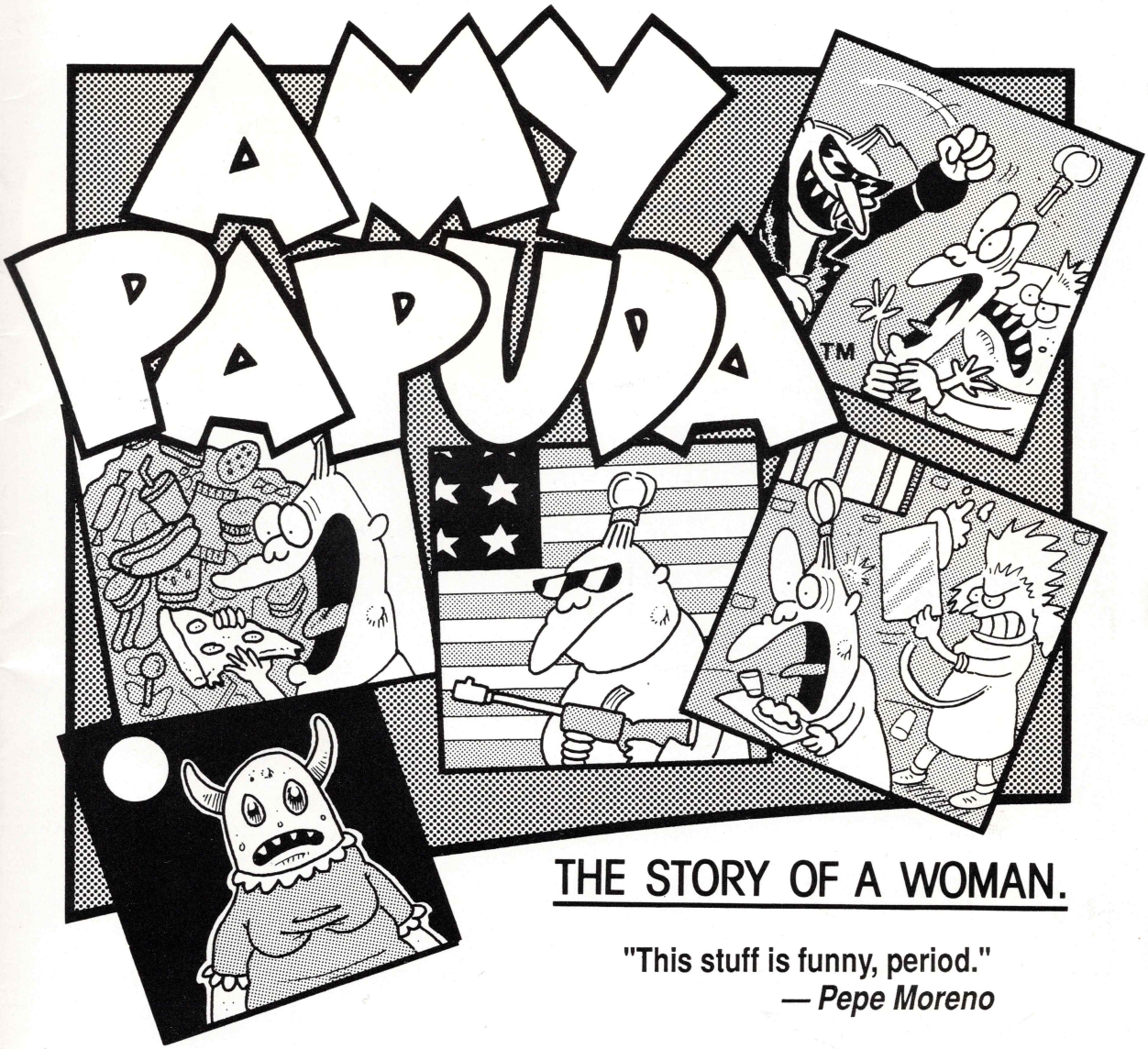

♫ LIFE.... ♪
GIMME FEE-VAH...


HERE'S YOUR 35 CENTS ..... AS PROMISED.
ALIEN

GREAT CONVENTION! TOO BAD ALL WE GOT WAS ONE TOY...
NAH! I CLIPPED HIS WALLET TOO! ...C'MON DUDES! LET'S GO MUNCH FRANKS AT NATHAN'S IN TIMES SQUARE!
CHUCKLE! NOW WE'RE REALLY GOING TO BOLDLY GO WHERE NO PUPS HAVE GONE BEFORE!
YO! TAXI!!
ALIEN
THE END!



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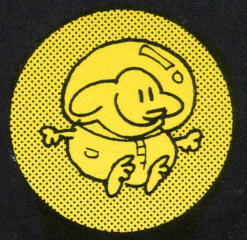

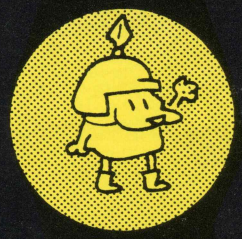

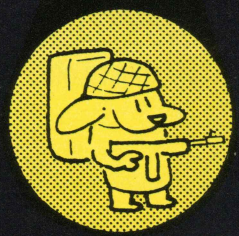

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